Joker blows top over House Charter change move

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Lina on the way out?

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By Carlito Pablo

DOES somebody desperately want Joey Lina's job? The "I" in DILG may as well stand for "intrigue," after the secretary of interior and local government was once again reported to be on his way out. An administration

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22 killed in MILF attack

Hundreds of rebels torch public market of Zamboanga town

Dagupan seeks world record for longest grill

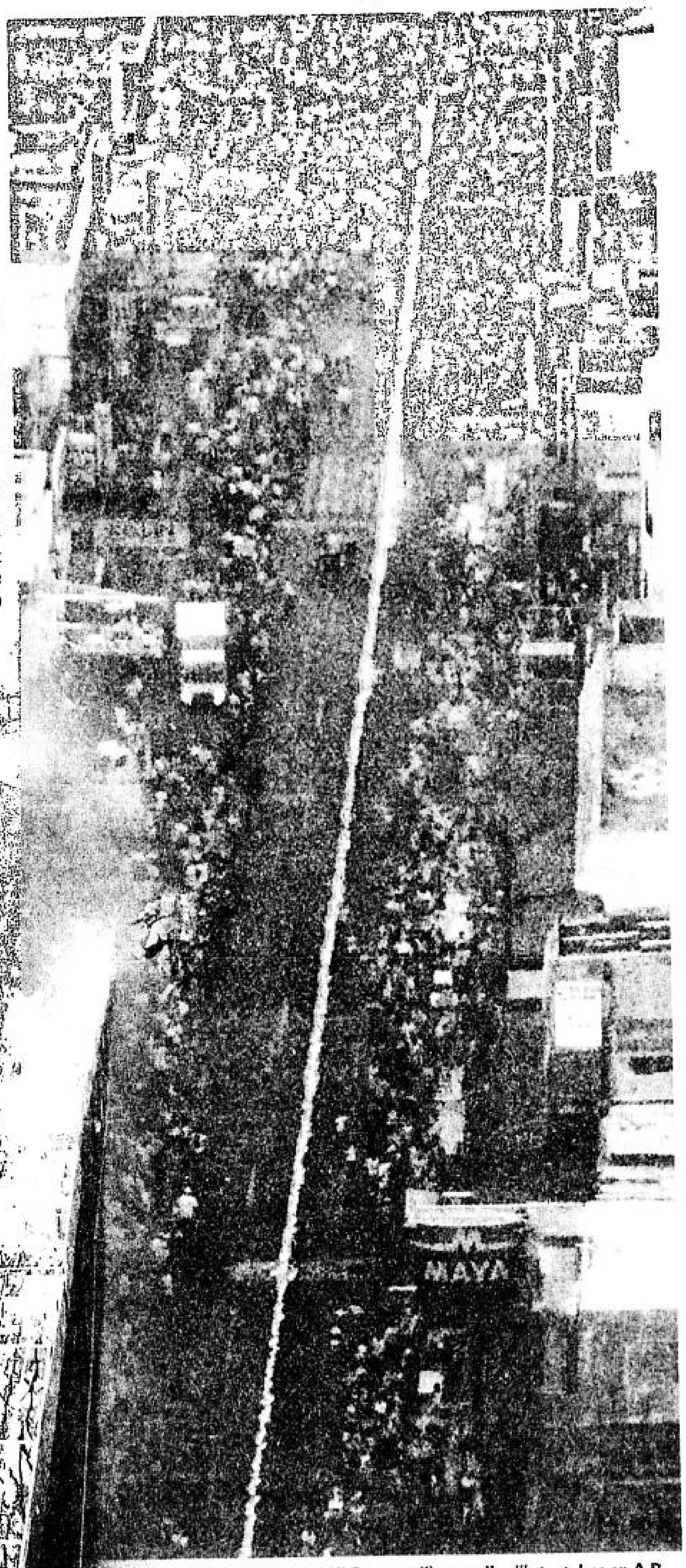
By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAGUPAN CITY—The rain nearly ruined the party—and the city's bid for the Guinness Book of World Records.

A heavy downpour on Saturday marred what started as a well-organized effort to enter the city in the Guinness list for the longest barbecue grill during the *Kalutan ed Dagupan* (Barbecue Street Party in Dagupan).

But Mayor Benjamin Lim said the venture was successful and the documentation process required by Guinness was already completed before it rained in the downtown area where the

DAGUPAN/ A20



WINNING STREAK: A 1,007.5-meter "bangus" grill stretches on A.B. Fernandez Avenue in Dagupan as the city tries to break the world record of 613 meters. TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU/JOE ARAZAS

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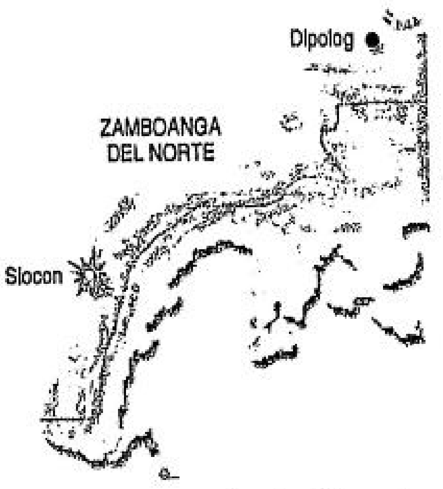


HUNDREDS of Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels swooped down on Siocon town in Zamboanga del Norte shortly after midnight yesterday, occupying parts of the town center and setting the public market on fire. Fierce gun battles drove them out of the town center more than 12 hours later.

The fighting left 22 people dead and 23 others wounded. Thirteen residents were also taken hostage; four remained in captivity as of press time.

Armed Forces spokesperson Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said the rebels fired on houses and attacked the town hall, a hospital and the public market—then fought army troops in running gun battles.

"As of 2:40 p.m., data we received from the Southern Command indicate that those killed in action were two army soldiers, six policemen and eight civilians. We also recovered the bodies of six rebels," Lucero said.

Lt. Col. Renoir Pascua, Southern Command spokesperson, said four of the slain civilians were among those who had been taken hostage.

Backed by reinforcements flown in by helicopters, troops regained control of the town hall, hospital and public market by noon, but gun battles continued through mid-afternoon, Lucero said.

The fighting damaged the public market and razed three houses. The office of Siocon Mayor Cesar Soriano was also hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, Lucero said.

The town center was retaken by government forces around 2:40 p.m., he said.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said the 44th Infantry Battalion actually suffered 50 soldiers killed.

"We only suffered 11 wounded and two killed," he told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview. The claim could not be

22 KILLED/ A21

GMA kicks off clean-up drive in Pampanga hometown

By Carlito Pablo
and Christian V. Esguerra

IN YET another demonstration of her hands-on leadership in the campaign against the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, President Macapagal-Arroyo will launch "Clean-up and SARS Consciousness Week" today in her hometown in Pampanga.

At about 9 a.m., Ms Macapagal is scheduled to make another pitch for community cleanliness and good personal hygiene in Barangay Sta. Cruz in Lubao town.

The President earlier noted that based on television footage in China, the areas where SARS initially spread were observed to be unsanitary.

She also said that Filipinos should learn from the lesson of other SARS-affected countries that cleanliness would help them ward off the disease.

In Malacañang, her spokesperson Ignacio Bunye defended the President from observations that she may have failed to make a personal example for

GMA/ A6

15,000 quarantined in Beijing

HONG KONG—The number of people quarantined in Beijing because of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) topped 15,000 on Sunday as Chinese health officials in various provinces were sacked for failing to implement tough measures to contain the outbreak of the deadly disease.

The purges came as China's health ministry reported seven new SARS deaths—four in Beijing alone—and 163 new infections, bringing the nationwide tolls to 197 dead and 4,125 cases.

Globally, the flu-like illness has killed 448 and sickened more than 6,300 in at least 30 countries.

Medical facilities across China have been told to put anti-SARS health measures into action, with the central government firing and meting out other punishments to any lower-level officials who fail to implement the emergency measures.

According to state-run media, 10 officials in Longnan county, southern Jiangxi province were sacked or disciplined for failing to implement SARS-re-

15,000/ A18

Bush doctrine alters int'l ties

By Amando Doronila

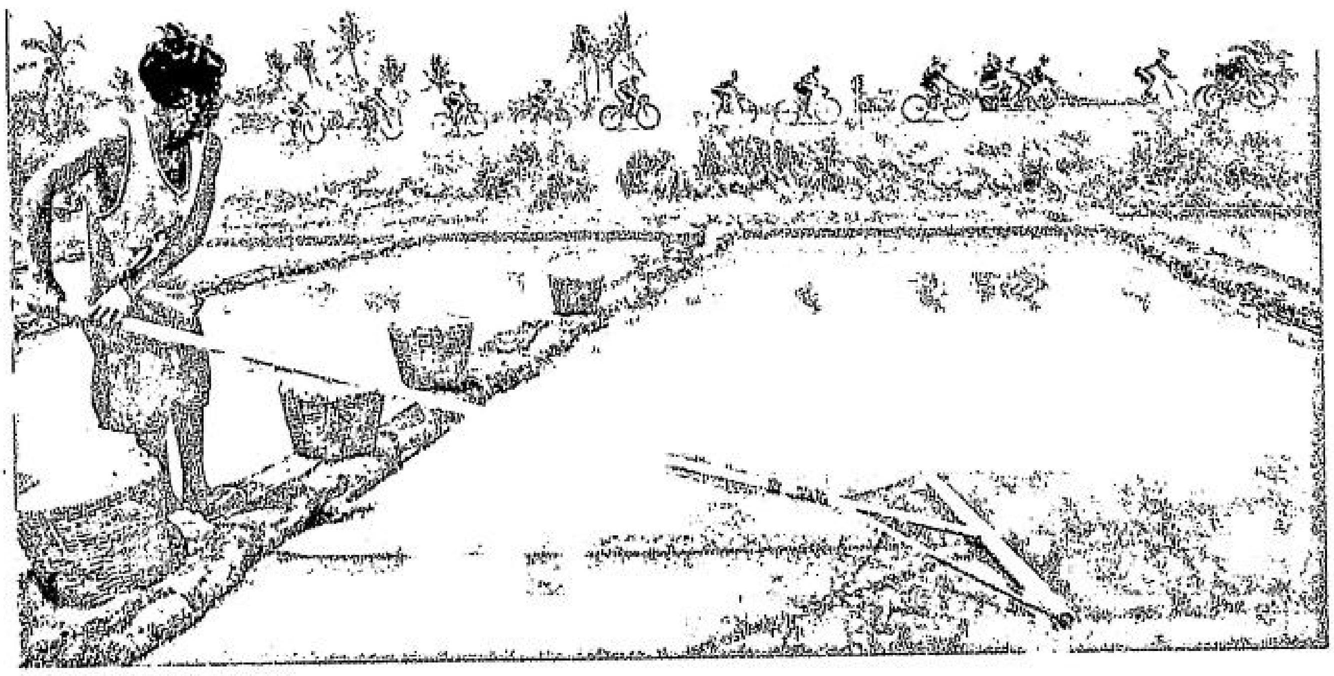
IT WAS unmatched theater for US President George W. Bush as he triumphantly declared on Thursday that "major combat operations in Iraq have ended."

ANALYSIS

Bush made the announcement on board the USS Abraham Lincoln as the aircraft carrier, returning from war duties in the Persian Gulf, sailed into the California coast. Bush landed on the deck of the warship dressed as a jet fighter pilot from an aircraft.

The troops returning from Iraq on board the Abraham Lincoln, named after the Republican president who governed the United States during the Civil War, loved the "victory" celebration on the symbol of American military might. And so did most Americans

BUSH/ A17



A TASTE OF SWEAT
Work goes on non-stop in the salt beds of Infanta, Zambales, as cyclists speed past in the 8th lap of the Tour Pilipinas Bikathon 2003. *(Story in Sports, Page A26.)* VAL HANDUMON

Too little room for comfort for non-SARS cases

By Christian V. Esguerra

THEIR conditions are also deadly, but they're not taken as seriously as probable Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) patients.

Victims of malaria, dog bites, skin infections and other diseases have taken a back seat at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Muntinlupa City since the deadly SARS virus hit the country.

The government hospital has cleared its emergency room and wards of patients other than suspected SARS cases, according to RITM head Dr. Remigio Olveda. The RITM has also divided its medical staff into those for SARS and non-SARS patients.

TOO LITTLE/ A20

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Second FRONTPAGE

Joker blows top over House Cha-cha move

By Christine O. Aveñdano

"PROCEED with caution."

This was Sen. Joker Arroyo's advice yesterday to fellow senators over the House of Representatives' bid to amend the Constitution through a constituent assembly.

Arroyo said he did not relish the way the House, through Speaker Jose de Venecia, passed the concurrent resolution favoring a constituent assembly, likening it to the lower chamber passing "a measure that changes the name of a street."

He said a check he made on the House journal of March 19 revealed that Concurrent Resolution No.19 was passed by voice vote "in the dead of midnight," with De Venecia presiding over the session.

"It is obvious that there was no quorum," Arroyo said in a statement, "because anyone familiar with House proceedings would know that at midnight you could count on your fingers the number of congressmen who would care to be present."

The Speaker, he said, "relied on the parliamentary fiction that a quorum is presumed unless it is challenged."

ARROYO

DE VENECIA

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Arroyo said De Venecia, "in his relentless quest to be prime minister . . . has trivialized the stringent requirements of amending the Constitution."

With the Senate committee on constitutional amendments set to deliberate on the House concurrent resolution, Arroyo told the INQUIRER in a phone interview that he was cautioning his colleagues about the measure, given the fact that its passage in the lower chamber "was off to a wrong and poisoned start."

Sen. Edgardo Angara, chair of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments, is scheduled to meet his counterparts in the House this week to discuss differences on the matter, starting with the mode that should be used in amending the 1987 Constitution.

Fourteen senators led by Senate President Franklin Drilon have supported a Senate resolution calling for a constitutional convention.

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House, Senate to probe Mindoro killings

CONGRESS is set this week to separately investigate the killing of two human rights activists in Oriental Mindoro last month.

The House committee on civil, political and human rights committee headed by Akbayan Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales starts its probe today, while the Senate justice and human rights committee led by Sen. Francis Pangilinan will have its turn tomorrow.

The two committees have invited the three other activists who were abducted with the two slain human rights leaders in Oriental Mindoro last month but survived.

Also summoned was Col. Jovito Palparan, commander of the 204th Infantry Brigade in Oriental Mindoro, whom rights groups have blamed for the spate of human rights violations in the province including the murders of Eden Marcellana and Eddie Gumanoy.

Rosales said today's hearing was a continuation of an investigation her committee was conducting on the alleged human rights violations by the military in the province.

She said Marcellana, who was secretary general of the Karapatan rights group for Southern Luzon, had attended the committee's first hearing and testified against Palparan. *Christine O. Avendaño and Gerald G. Lacuarta*

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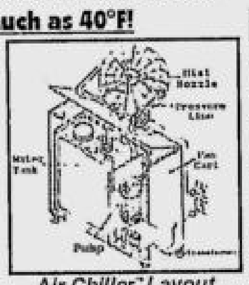

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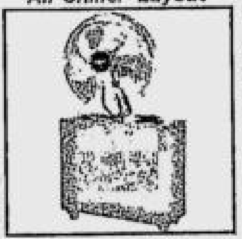

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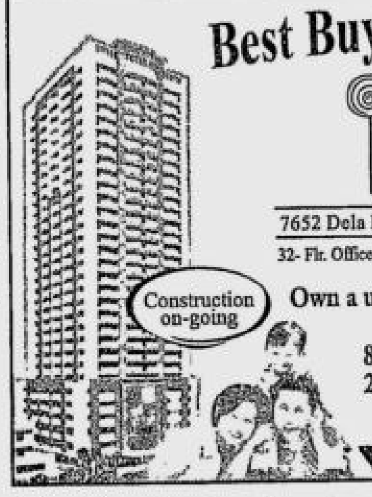

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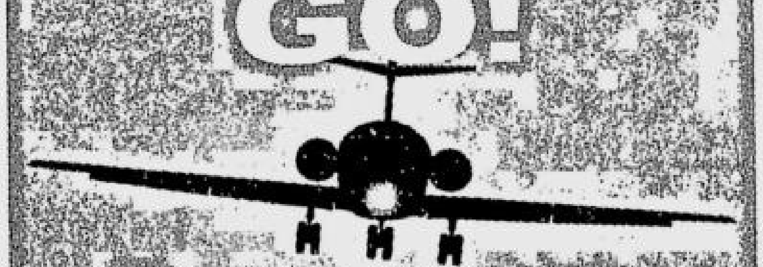

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Gov't mulls hiking fuel taxes to raise revenues

By Clarissa S. Batino

STRAPPED for cash and running a chronic budget deficit, the government is said to be considering increasing fuel taxes to take advantage of the declining international price of crude.

Administration officials have started soliciting support from legislators for a plan, hatched a month ago, to increase the excise tax on fuel products between 20 and 50 centavos per liter, government sources said over the weekend.

If the plan carries through, it would mean that consumers would not benefit fully from anticipated decline in crude oil prices in the coming months.

Oil firms have rolled back pump prices five times since crude prices started dropping, even while the Iraq war was going on.

Fuel taxes have been unchanged since 1996, when the domestic oil sector was liberalized.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said the plan was not only to raise excise taxes "by a small amount," but to index-link the prices to inflation, that is, varied to the rise or fall of the general level of prices.

This would be similar to legislation pending in Congress seeking the automatic adjustment of the taxes on beer and tobacco products.

"The idea is to take advantage of the windfall situation to raise revenues for the government while not putting an additional burden on consumers," said Camacho in an interview.

One government source said the tax take would translate to billions of pesos in annual revenues that might just help wipe out the national budget deficit that swelled to P210.7 billion in 2002.

The problem, however, is that congressional approval is needed for any new increase in taxes.

Considering that the proposal to index beer and tobacco taxes to inflation has been pending in Congress for the past two years, the plan to increase fuel taxes could similarly fizzle out, the source said.

Camacho said the idea was still being studied by the energy and finance departments.

Since 1996, the specific tax on fuel products has been as follows: P5.35 per liter on premium gasoline, P4.35 per liter on unleaded, P4.80 per liter on regular gasoline, P1.63 per liter on diesel, P3.67 per liter on jet fuel, 60 centavos per liter on kerosene, 30 centavos per liter on fuel oil, P5.70 per liter on lubricants, P1.76 per liter on asphalt, P4.70 per liter on waxes, P2.53 per liter on thinners and P1.25 per liter on processed gas.

Oil firms lower prices

OIL companies, led by refining giant Petron Corp., yesterday announced price cuts in petroleum products effective today due to lower international crude prices.

Petron reduced pump prices of gasoline by 30 centavos per liter and diesel and kerosene by 20 centavos per liter as of 12:01 a.m. today. It also slashed by P11 the price of its 11-kilogram liquified petroleum gas cylinder, bringing it to P283-P293.

The benchmark Dubai crude is now trading at $22 to $24 per barrel, compared to its February high of $30 per barrel.

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Caltex Phil. and TotalFinaElf effected the same price reductions today.

UniOil also brought down gasoline prices by 30 centavos per liter and diesel prices by 20 centavos per liter.

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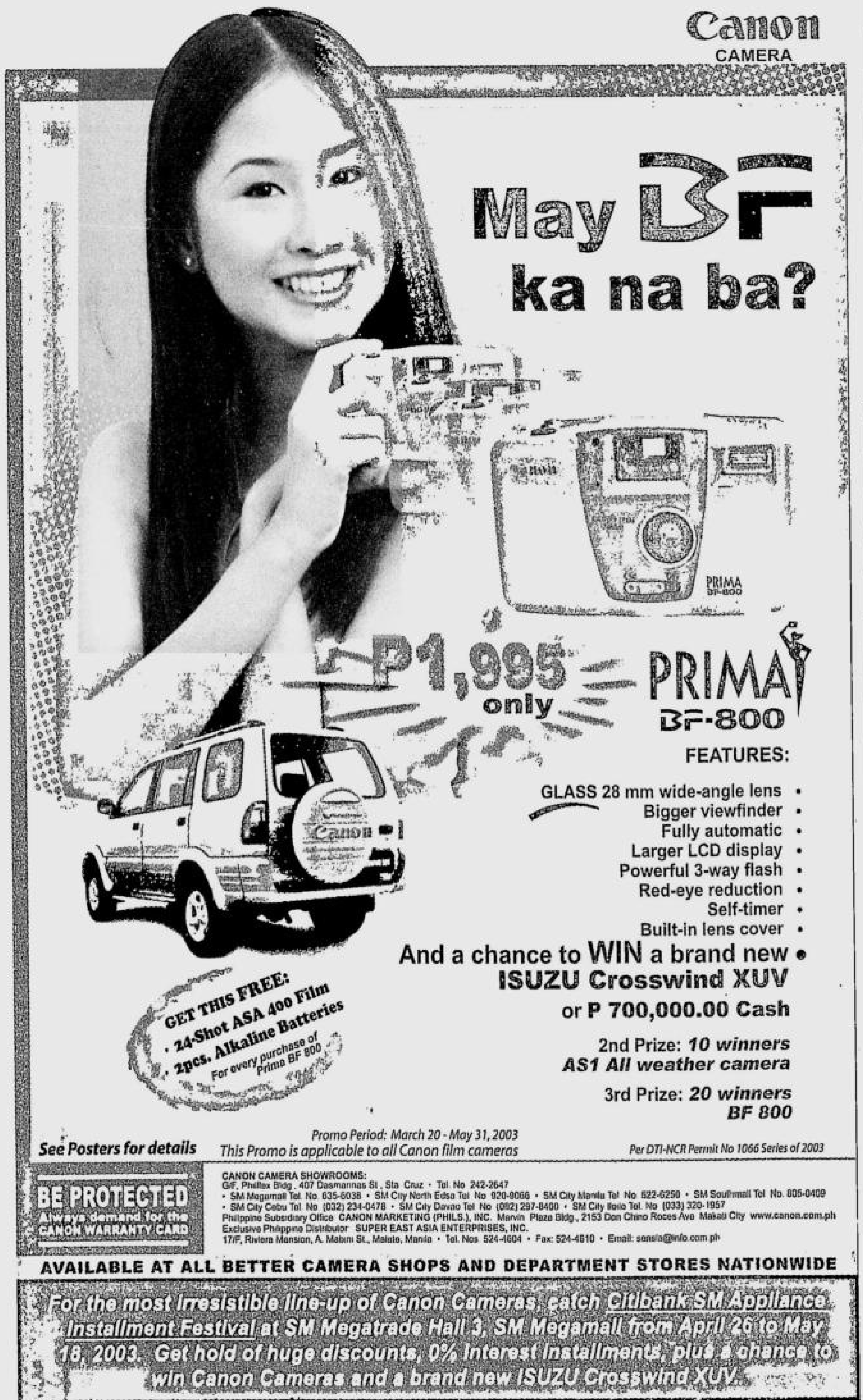
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Nothing to fear for humanitarian force in Iraq; Romulo in Kuwait for talks

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If the task force members were to remain in the Philippines, they would still be facing many risks, Presidential Spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said in a teleconference yesterday.

Bunye justified the dispatch of a Philippine contingent as covered by the Geneva Convention of 1949, which provides for international assistance for occupied territories, and a recent United Nations resolution seeking international humanitarian help for Iraq in the wake of the recent US-led invasion.

Malacañang also announced that Roberto Romulo, who had been appointed to head the task force on the Philippine Public-Private Sector Partnership for the Reconstruction and Development of Iraq, was set to leave for Kuwait yesterday for talks with the US companies that obtained huge contracts for the Iraqi reconstruction effort. *Carlito Pablo*

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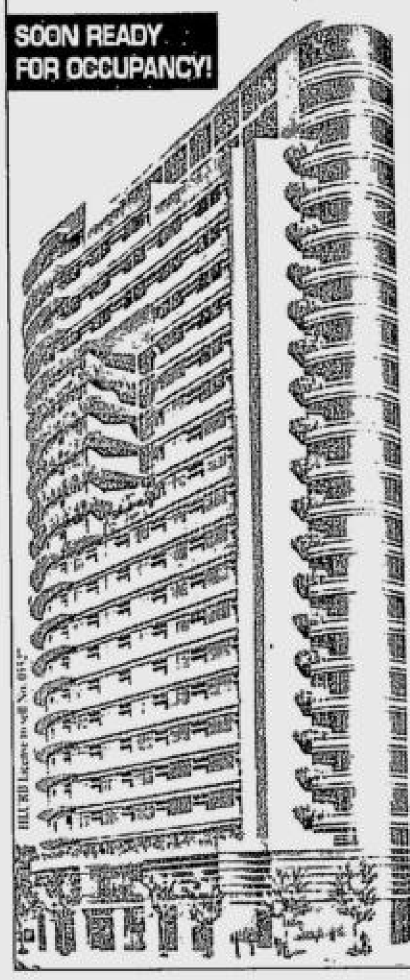

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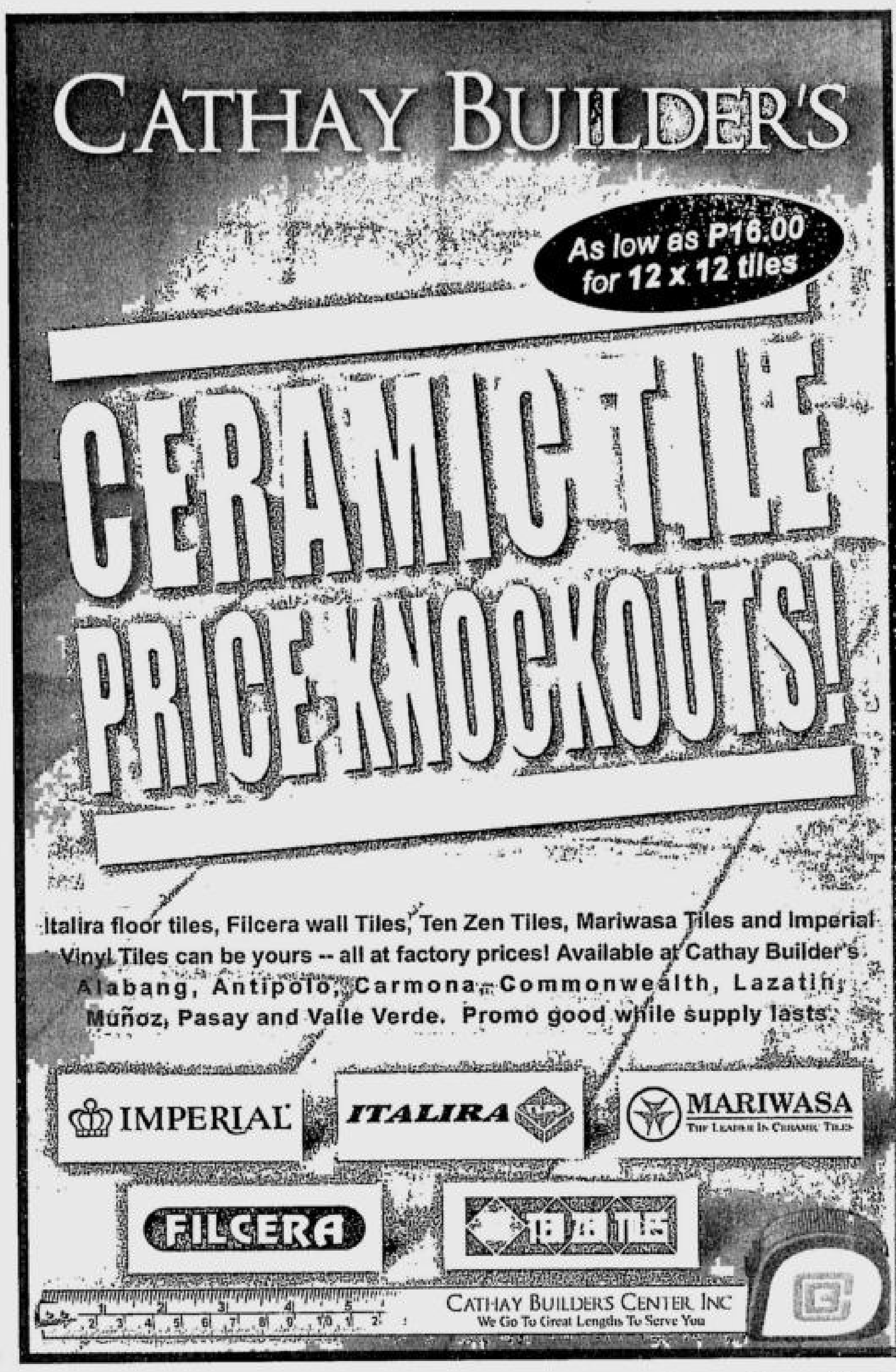

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Kin of SARS victim seek news blackout

HONG KONG—The family of CY, the second Filipino to die from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in the city, has asked for a news blackout on CY's cremation and burial.

"The family prefers the barest news on her, which by now all the media have abundantly honored," said Philippine Consul General Victoria Bataclan on Sunday.

Because of this, Bataclan declined to answer questions on when the body will be cremated and where the ashes will be buried.

On Saturday, the Philippine Consulate assisted CY's family on the cremation arrangements after the body was discharged from the hospital.

A press officer at the United Christian Hospital in Kowloon District, who asked not to be named, declined to release any information about CY.

"We cannot give any information about our patients. It's very private," she said.

CY died of SARS Friday night after a month-long battle with the disease. She was also suffering from other secondary ailments which her family declined to disclose.

Cherry Velarde

GMA kicks off clean-up drive in Pampanga hometown

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mandatory quarantine.

After she attended a SARS summit last week in Thailand, which has SARS cases, the President proceeded to Cebu where she met with barangay officials, whom she exhorted to lead in the campaign against SARS.

Observers said Ms Macapagal could have volunteered to go on quarantine, even if it was not needed, to drive home the point that all Filipinos are equal before the SARS virus.

Bunye said Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit, who was with the President during her trip to Bangkok, advised her that it was perfectly safe for her to go on with her regular schedules upon her return.

"I'm sure that everything was done in consultation with Secretary Dayrit," Bunye said. "Even before the trip, Secretary Dayrit said that Bangkok is SARS-free."

Free vitamins

In Metro Manila, residents will get vitamins and disinfectants, items that have been in short supply amid the SARS scare.

The items, acquired by local government units through their calamity funds, will be handed out in the coming weeks for free, said Pasay Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad, spokesperson of the Metro Manila Mayors League.

"We have to 're-double' our efforts," he told the INQUIRER yesterday. "Our people have to be healthy and clean to keep them safe from this deadly virus."

Towns which might not be able to afford the cost of distributing the items will receive financial support from other LGUs, Trinidad said. "That's what richer cities are for."

Mayors will tap the services of around 26,000 newly trained village watchers to help the Department of Health monitor SARS cases at the barangay level.

The watchers had been initially trained on anti-terrorism measures in the wake of terrorist activities in Metro Manila and Mindanao.

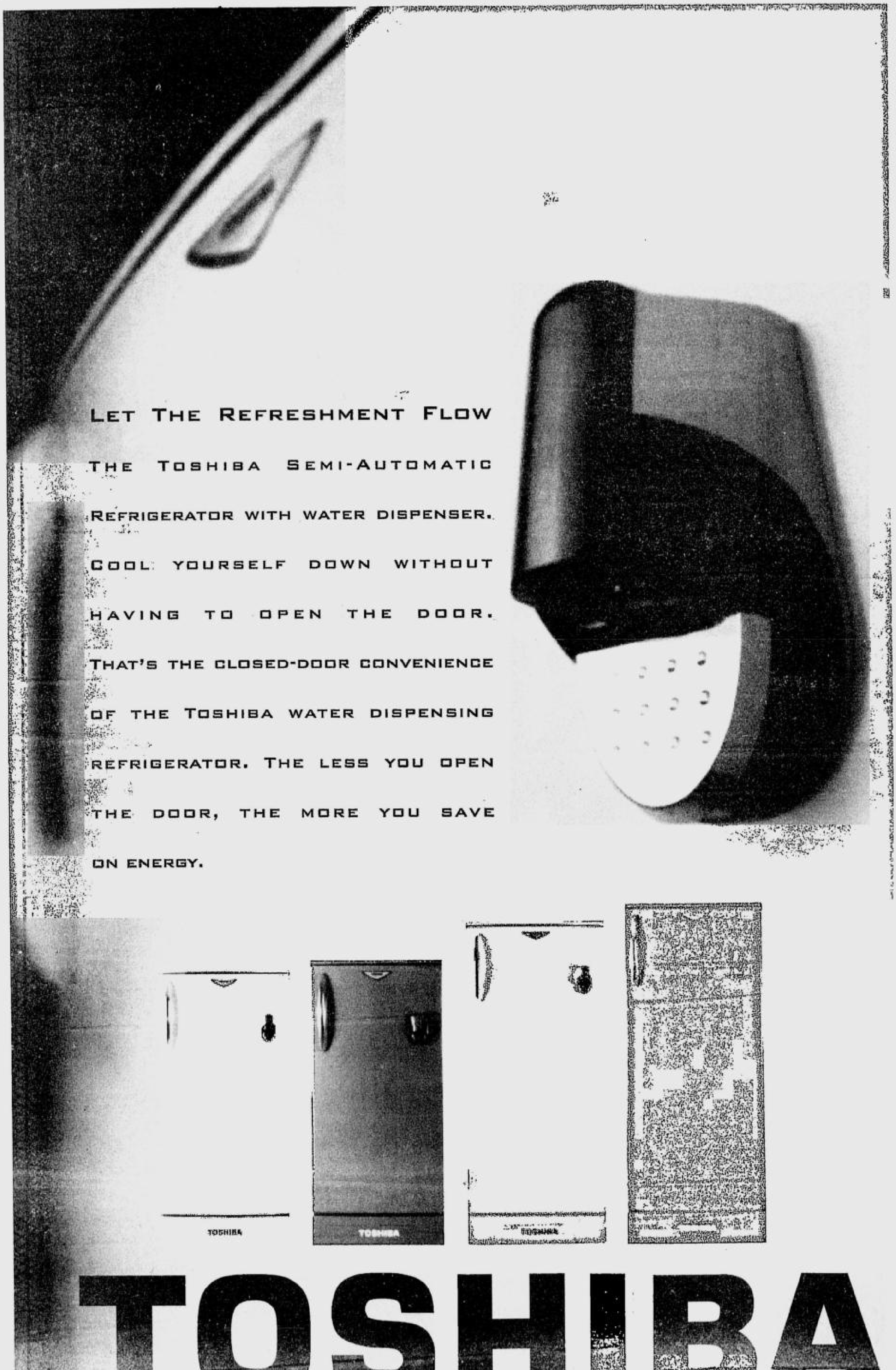
Local officials have been instructed to monitor newcomers in barangays by establishing their profiles, including their health background, work, and place of origin, according to Trinidad.

Watchers, he said, would submit to the Department of Health the names of those who had just arrived from SARS-infected countries, especially if they developed symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, and breathing difficulty.

Barangay officials have also been instructed to take probable SARS patients either to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Muntinlupa City or to the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila, according to Trinidad.

The mayors' league, he said, would meet this week to consolidate its efforts against the deadly disease.

Some local governments have begun building isolation rooms in their respective hospitals to accommodate probable SARS patients before they are brought to the RTIM or San Lazaro.



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Israel to tax OFWs like Hong Kong

By Blanche S. Rivera

OVERSEAS Filipino workers in Israel may soon suffer the fate of their Hong Kong counterparts, with the Israeli government baring plans to impose a tax on foreign workers.

A market update report of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration suggests that the move is meant to discourage the hiring of foreigners.

The taxes would translate to lower wages for 97,900 documented foreign workers in Israel, 33,000 of whom are Filipinos employed mostly as caregivers. The total figure represents a 1.7 percent increase from last year's count.

Many of the other foreigners are in the construction and agricultural sectors.

"(Employers') strong preference for foreign workers may be the reason behind the (tax) plan," the POEA stated in its report dated April 21. The report did not say how much the proposed tax would be, or how it would be collected.

To boost local employment, the Israeli government announced last year its plan to ban the hiring of foreigners. But it allowed those already working in the country to renew their contracts.

Last month, Hong Kong imposed an 11 percent wage cut on foreign domestic workers in an attempt to address its local unemployment problem and a ballooning budget deficit. This pulled down the domestics' monthly salary, already the lowest in the territory, from HK$3,670 to HK$3,270.

Consultancy firms recruiting workers shuttered

TEN immigration consultancy agencies found engaging in recruitment activities have been padlocked by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

This was the initial result of POEA's crackdown on consultancy firms that have been illegally dispatching Filipinos for work abroad.

POEA chief Rosalinda Baldoz said many such firms had branched out to recruitment since the boom in the demand for Filipino health workers, particularly nurses.

Before the crackdown, in a memo circular dated March 25, Baldoz reiterated the need for consultancy firms to register with the POEA if they intended to deploy Filipino workers as immigrants.

Most of the 10 padlocked agencies were recruiting without POEA licenses, sending workers to the United States and Australia.

Baldoz said the firms facilitated the deployment of Filipinos by working out employment-based immigrant visas. But according to Philippine laws, she said, the workers would still be classified as "undocumented," and not entitled to the government's protection. *Blanche Rivera*

Inmates use fake bombs to bolt Cagayan Oro jail

CAGAYAN DE ORO—More than two dozen inmates used fake bombs early Sunday to escape from an overcrowded jail, officials said.

Police quickly recaptured 14 of the 27 inmates who escaped from the Cagayan de Oro city jail in Misamis Oriental province. One guard was wounded in the escape and one prisoner died when he jumped off a cliff while being pursued, jail chief Demosthenes Arbelon said.

Arbelon said one of those captured, Fernando Acosta, told authorities that a death threat from another prisoner forced him to escape, using sardine cans filled with sand and fitted with cotton wicks.

When garbage was collected at dawn, Acosta lit the "bombs" and hurled them at a group of guards who scampered away, allowing him and other prisoners to bolt their cells, Arbelon recounted. *AP*

'Living food' seminar

THE FARM at San Benito, a health farm located in Lipa, Batangas, continues its series of seminars on natural nutrition with international "living food" expert Renee Loux Underkoffler conducting a three-day workshop on "The Raw Truth of Living Foods" starting today, May 5.

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E. G. Rosario; 72

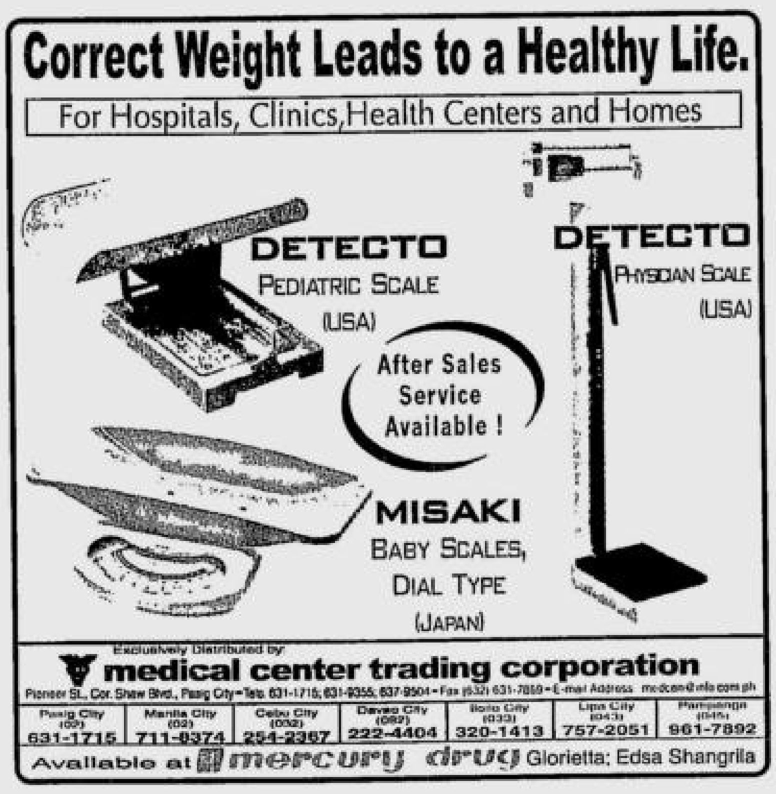
EDUARDO G. Rosario, former senior corporate lawyer in the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, died Friday after a lingering illness. He was 72.

The native of San Carlos City in Pangasinan was the father of Ben Rosario, a reporter for The Manila Bulletin and Tempo, and Dodo Rosario, a newspaper columnist. Upon his retirement, he established the E. G. Rosario Law Offices, which provides free legal assistance to Quezon City police personnel.

Rosario is survived by his wife Anita; other children Ma. Elena, Ricardo, Ma. Elizabeth, Renato, Ma. Teresa, Ma. Anita, Enrico, Edgardo, Rosanno, Ma. Cristina and Bernard; children-in-law and grandchildren.

His body lies at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City, and will be moved to the family residence at 34 Malambing St., UP Village, Quezon City on May 6.

Interment will be on May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.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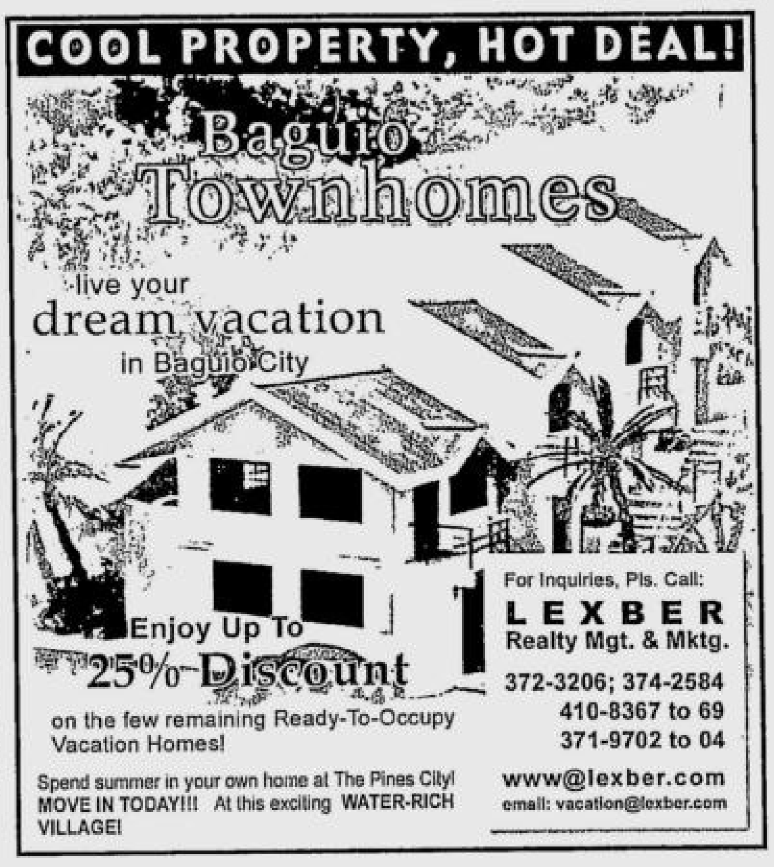
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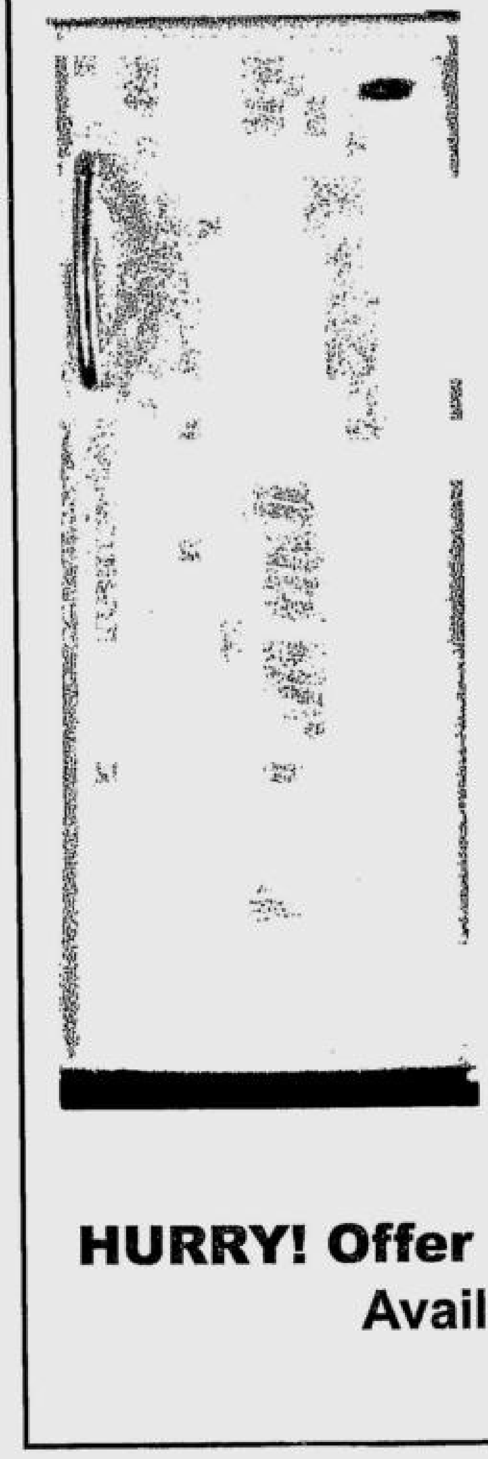

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Time to go?

EDITORIAL

THE BLATANT attempt by the Manila Electric Co. to rewrite the rules of the judiciary has failed. Now the country's largest power distributor has no other recourse but to finally credit its customers as much as P28 billion in overcharges.

Last month, Meralco's lawyers filed an unusual motion with the Supreme Court, seeking "clarification" of the Third Division's April 9 "final and executory" ruling, which had confirmed its decision ordering the country's biggest-ever customer refund. Supreme Court justices were reticent about the calculated insult, but their spokesperson was more forthcoming.

"In the case of Meralco, the decision is supposed to be final," Ismael Khan, also the Court's deputy administrator, said. "The very wording of the decision itself would suggest that any second motion for reconsideration is a prohibited pleading."

Ah, but as this overbilling case has proven, Meralco has different ideas about what is prohibited and what is not. Notoriously, last November it tried to stampede the high tribunal into ruling favorably on the case by arguing economic blackmail: a refund may ruin the company and lead to the economy's collapse, it said.

The Court, to its credit, ignored the argument.

Contrary to its own doomsday scenario, we believe Meralco will find the means to comply with the order and remain a thriving concern. Not least, this is because the main Supreme Court decision—the one of Nov. 15, 2002—gives the firm wide elbow room in determining both the mode of payment and its timetable. The details still need to be worked out, and much remains to be done.

But this much is clear. Meralco's big bosses have misjudged the overcharging issue and mismanaged the company's response. Simply put, they blithely assumed they would not lose the case.

Proof: Credit rating agency Standard & Poor reported last year that the company had "not made any provision against the potential liability, and its resources to reimburse customers and meet other financial obligations are limited."

Let's think about that for a moment.

Ever since Jan. 28, 1994, when the Energy Regulatory Board granted Meralco a provisional rate increase (of 18.4 centavos per kilowatt-hour)—on condition that the company will refund its customers if the final rate turned out to be lower than the provisional—Meralco assumed that a refund would never be ordered, and did not provide for the contingency.

When, on Feb. 16, 1998, the ERB adopted the findings of the Commission on Audit (that Meralco had overcharged its customers by 16.7 centavos per kWh) and ordered the company to refund at least P10.8 billion in overbillings, Meralco assumed the refund would never take place, and did not provide for the contingency.

When the Supreme Court was rumored last November to have already reached its decision, Meralco, through its lawyers, deployed its doomsday arguments, but did not provide for the contingency.

In at least one aspect, the Lopezes, who control Meralco, have brought the company into the modern age. The family, which used to own all of Meralco's stock, now controls the company using only a minority share. This is the case, for example, with many publicly listed firms in the United States—a development in corporate capitalism that has given rise to the powerful managerial class.

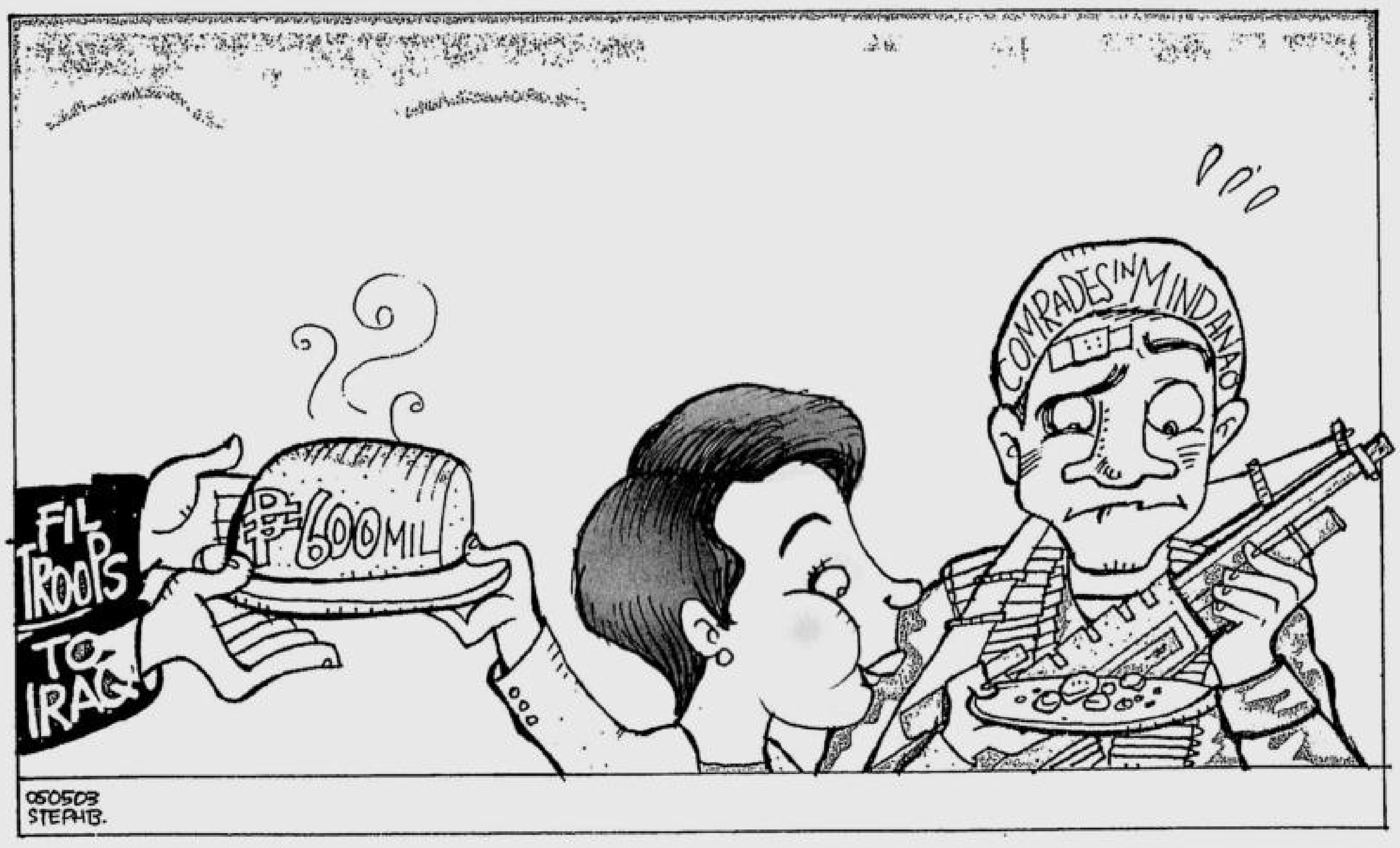
But in at least one important aspect, the Lopezes run Meralco the way their forebears ran it generations ago: They make business decisions based on whose hands they think are on which levers of power.

It is time to change that.

Directly or through government agencies such as the Land Bank and the Social Security System, the government owns about a fourth of Meralco's equity. Government representatives, however, have only three seats on the company's 11-man board.

The Lopezes control about a fifth of the equity, but they have four board seats, and their Spanish affiliate holds another one. Nominally, three seats are reserved for independents, but for all intents and purposes the Lopez family controls Meralco.

In the face of clear proof of mismanagement, it may be time for the government to fully reassert its ownership rights.



How do you solve a problem like the NPC?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THERE were no elections yesterday for officers of the National Press Club as its constitution and by-laws mandate. A Manila court issued a 72-hour temporary restraining order; a hearing will be held today. The problem is the list of voting members.

The by-laws say that the membership committee must review the roster of members and decide who are eligible to vote, and then submit the revised list to the NPC board of directors for approval. That the membership committee did. It turned out that many of the members failed to pay their dues before the deadline set by the board. As a result only about 200 members who paid their dues and all the 300 lifetime members who are not required to pay dues, were eligible to vote. (According to the constitution, to be qualified to vote, a member must not have any arrears in his dues and bar and restaurant bills.)

This did not sit well with the majority of the directors as many of their voters were disqualified. They passed a resolution setting another deadline for the payment of dues and filing of certificates of candidacy. The membership committee and the committee on elections stood pat on their decision as the resolution violated the constitution and by-laws. The directors went to court.

The elections would have been held yesterday had not the Manila RTC issued the TRO.

The supreme irony is that while the press criticizes the government for inefficiency and messiness, the members of the press themselves cannot run their own club efficiently.

Always a bone of contention is the regular membership. Many pseudo newsmen and public relations practitioners have been able to infiltrate the membership roster. It was easy. All that was needed was a certification by an editor that this or that applicant is a staff member of his organization, and an applicant was accepted for membership. Candidates brought the application forms to their editors for signature and since the elections were often fought bitterly by news organizations, the editors signed because the applicants were voters and would boost the chances of their newspaper's candidates. Some organizations even paid for the annual dues of their members. But many of these applicants were unqualified, being mere stringers, contributors, hangers-on or plain poseurs.

The appellation "correspondent" has been much abused in the qualification for membership. Since a correspondent is not paid anything unless he has a story published, it is no problem for any news organization to have many correspondents on its roster even if only a few of them actually work as real correspondents.

Some provincial newspapers which come out once a week or only once in so many months have staffs bigger than the smaller Manila dailies. The purpose is to have as many voters as possible in the NPC elections. Provincial newsmen were flown in and housed in hotels to vote for certain candidates, the bills paid by the sponsoring candidates. The dues were paid by some candidates and the voters were wined and dined night after night before the elections at the NPC bar and restaurant. NPC candidates commit the same sins of vote-buying and overspending that they hurl at national candidates. That is why so many of the members missed the deadline for the payment of dues; they were expecting candidates or their news organizations to pay the bills. (The monthly dues is only P10 or P120 a year but many individual members don't even pay that themselves.)

As a result, the membership is bloated with many pseudo newsmen whom the genuine journalists pejoratively call *"haosiao."* The NPC used to be a place for camaraderie for working journalists, a convivial place to relax in after a hard day. Not anymore. Real working journalists know one another but now they complain that they don't know the people they sit next to at the NPC and they don't like that.

So the genuine journalists stay away from the NPC and drown their sorrows in some other favorite bar, and the press club is filled with *haosiaos*. It used to be an honor and a privilege to be a member of the NPC. Newsmen were proud to be members of this exclusive club. Its inner sanctums were off-limits to outsiders. It was a coveted privilege to be invited there for lunch, dinner or drinks. Not anymore. Now anybody can go there. And because the genuine newsmen are abandoning it, the *haosiaos* are having the run of the place.

This is what the more responsible members of the club want to correct. They want to bring back the real working press by kicking out the poseurs. They want to bring back the NPC to its old glory.

This the membership committee is trying very hard to do. But as in the national scene, politics is spoiling everything. Ironically, it is the elected officers of the club, the majority of directors, who want the status quo. They don't want the membership roster cleansed because it is their voters who are being weeded out. Of course they give other reasons, but the real reason is that they're afraid they'd lose in the elections without these voters.

But even if the membership committee prevails this time, there is no assurance that the roster won't be bloated again with pseudo newsmen in the future. Many administrations have tried to cleanse the roster, but as presidents change, acceptance of new members becomes lax and the membership again becomes bloated with pretenders. There is no interested watchdog to prevent this from happening. Theoretically, this is the job of the membership committee. But its members also change and they eventually become lax and the same cycle is repeated. We must have a watchdog that is always on its toes. And it must have an interest in who becomes a member.

How do we do this? I have a proposal that ought to achieve that. I will explain it in tomorrow's column. *(To be continued)*

Heeding history

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

THESE days, every time I hear people talk about Cha-cha, I remember the events of three decades ago. The parallels are more than superficial. Truly, those who do not heed history are bound to repeat it.

Then, there was no debate about whether the Constitution should be changed by a constituent assembly or by a constitutional convention. The only option was a constitutional convention whose delegates were to be elected at large. It was civil society in the form of the activists who demanded the charter change.

Their immediate reason was the 1969 elections which proved to be the costliest and bloodiest in Philippine history. Never did the phrase "guns, goons and gold" take on a more literal and sinister aspect. Marcos pulled no stops to make sure he would be the first Filipino president to be reelected. The call for charter change was supported by the opposition which had been at the receiving end of the guns, goons and gold, and worried about the future of elections and democracy in general. The convention, they said, was the country's last chance.

Ironically, all that merely fell into Marcos' roadmap, to use Bush's and Rumsfeld's current favorite word. The Constitutional Convention elections became another exercise in traditional politics, which produced delegates amenable to Marcos' wishes even as it produced a small crop of principled people headed by Voltaire Garcia. The convention, despite the quality, if not the quantity, of its opposition, simply became another one of Marcos' instruments to stay in power.

Getting reelected for a third term was one of his options. That was banned by the Constitution but was solved by a shift to a parliamentary system. After martial law, when that became the more feasible option, Marcos got a hastily reconstituted Constitutional Convention to produce a "modified" parliamentary system that allowed him to be president and prime minister at the same time.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo should know all that. Her father, Diosdado, headed the Constitutional Convention after Carlos P. Garcia, its first president, died shortly later.

Today, the call for Cha-cha isn't coming from below but from above, despite claims by spurious surveys or spurious interpretations of surveys that there's a public clamor for it. I've yet to find anyone whose imagination has been gripped by it. But it has its share of support from civil society, in the form of NGOs that want it for well-meaning reasons.

I myself am completely leery of it because it falls right into GMA's roadmap. I wouldn't be surprised if after hedging on it, she suddenly embraces it like a long-lost son.

Despite her declaration last December that she would not seek another term, there is little evidence GMA wants to relinquish power. Her feverish endorsement of Bush's war in Iraq, sorties in the provinces (chief of them to the South to inaugurate the Ro-Ro), and ad campaigns on TV, all look calculated to boost her stock, enough for her allies to find the moral ground to loudly demand she run again. They were already making noises in that respect during the height of the Iraq war. That has been GMA's first option for keeping power, a power she, unlike Marcos, obtained gratuitously and not from elections. Lest we forget, Marcos was elected president twice before he decided to fool around with democracy.

There is one big fly in the ointment. GMA's ratings are not rising, they are falling. Every survey, except Malacañang's "private" ones, says so.

The only other option is charter change, one that scraps elections next year and extends GMA's term to three more years when parliamentary elections will be held. A constituent assembly, which means the horrible thought of our congressmen presiding over the making of our fundamental law, can decree it. Clearly, that is something the NGOs that are supporting charter change do not want. They want a constitutional convention and a new government after next year. But that is where the best of intentions can produce the worst of results. As in the past, civil society can't always get what it wants.

Of course pulling off a Cha-cha with "Noel" (no elections) is easier said than done. It can only be rammed through because it's bound to be unpopular. That is one ploy that is going to unite the Edsa II and "Edsa III" forces in one protest that could dwarf the originals. But it can be contemplated, and tried. That is the part that resembles martial law because it entails a coup of sorts.

Over the last 10 years, I've always said that the possibility of someone doing a martial law, or its equivalent which is mounting a constitutional or extra-constitutional coup, is remote because the elements that allowed Marcos to do it have since disappeared. Chief of them was American support, which Marcos got unstintingly from Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger. Over the last decade or so, particularly since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the United States has been big on allowing democracy to breathe rather than stifling it, as it did when it supported tyrants during the 1970s and 1980s.

That one element has come back with a vengeance with George W. Bush and Donald Rumsfeld. GMA could just get all the help she needs from Washington for showing devotion that puts the animal kingdom to shame.

There were two other elements that allowed Marcos to keep power. One was his complete control of the military and the second was the apathy of the citizens. Today, GMA does not control the military and the citizens have already waged a couple of Edsas. I'm hoping the second at least, if not the first, would disabuse her and her cabal of whatever thought they have of fraying the welcome mat. After all, that was how they came to power, with the people rising to overthrow another tyrant.

But the most addictive substance known to man, or woman, is not *shabu*. It is power.

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GMA's holiday economics working

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's "holiday economics" appears to be working well, as Filipinos, encouraged by the long break and fearful of going to SARS-affected places abroad, traveled all over the archipelago. Many became tourists in their own country for the first time, and the effect of this on the economy cannot be overplayed.

Over the recent long holiday beginning May 1 my family and some friends were in Puerto Galera and a mango vendor told me with a broad smile how brisk business was. "*Marami pong turista, at ang karamihan ay mga Pilipino rin,*" she said, adding, "*Ginawa po ni* Arroyo *na mahabang bakasyon para maglakbay ang mga kapwa Pinoy, at umubra* (Many tourists, majority of whom are Filipinos. Arroyo gave us a long holiday to enable Filipinos to travel, and it worked)." The myriad shops dotting the main street of Puerto Galera had brisk business, as did the restaurants and hotels. My son and his two friends rented scooters and motored to White Sands Beach, which they found swarming mainly with Filipinos.

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Our party of three cars missed the 4 p.m. Roll-On Roll-Off boat for Puerto Galera at Batangas City's modern port terminal last May 1, but we heard that it was so packed; we decided instead to take the RoRo for Calapan, which was over two hours from Batangas City, and then motored to Puerto Galera after catching dinner at Calapan's modern Mirohotel. The Calapan RoRo was packed with both people and vehicles of all kinds, including jeepneys loaded with vegetables and fruits. Heading home from Puerto Galera last May 3 morning to catch the wedding of Sonny and Cecile Alvarez's son that evening, my husband and I decided to catch the passenger fastboat from Puerto Galera, an hour and 15 minutes' ride; we left the rest of our group to catch the RoRo at 1 p.m. that day. The fastboat was super-packed with vacationists heading back to Manila, and when we docked at Batangas City, awaiting their turn to take the fastboat to Puerto Galera was an even longer line of people.

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Earlier we wanted to RoRo all the way to Boracay via Mindoro, but the Alvarez wedding made us decide to just stay in Puerto Galera. I heard that Boracay was packed with Manila people, among them Senate President Frank Drilon and a host of diplomats. I suppose that helping this tremendous movement of people was the fact that it is now so easy to just get on and off those RoRo boats from the highways on what's called the "Strong Republic Nautical Highway" launched by GMA. The fastboats are more numerous and faster, charging P140 per passenger from Puerto Galera to Batangas City. The more intrepid simply take the big outrigger boats across the Mindoro Straits, which are normally very calm waters. The drive to and from the Batangas Port over the new Star Tollway is pleasant and the handling of passengers and vehicles at the port is now more systematic and orderly.

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In Calapan we met with Col. Juanito Gomez, acting commander of the 204th Army Brigade, which is very much in the news lately following the murder of two human rights activists recently; the killings are being blamed by militant groups on the military there. To ensure speedy investigation by the Department of Justice, brigade commander Jovito Palparan was ordered relieved by higher AFP authorities, but a DOJ investigator has claimed that the brigade is hiding the identities of the two soldier-suspects. Gomez, however, has denied any attempt at cover-up in the media and he repeated it to this columnist.

Gomez, the son of a retired sergeant who grew up in Lanao and is a direct-commission officer, said that he has been emphasizing to his men that what they are up against in Mindoro is a battle for the hearts and minds of the people, which means they have to exhibit good behavior at all times, and they understand this very well. He stressed that the bad publicity hounding the military is part of the extreme Left's campaign to get the brigade out of Mindoro, as the island is very lucrative for the NPA. But he said that the military has the support of the people who know the real score.

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Felix Carao Jr., law partner of former Sen. Rene Saguisag, wrote to say that a speculation here was unfair and "only serves to becloud the real issues." I had written that Carao's engagement by Sen. Panfilo Lacson as one of his lawyers in the Kuratong Baleleng case, despite his close friendship with the ponente of the recent Supreme Court decision, Justice Romeo Callejo, may have been resorted to cause the latter to inhibit himself in the coming Supreme Court voting on Lacson's motion for reconsideration. Carao said this is unfair because it gives the impression that his San Beda Law classmate and *kumpadre* can be made to disqualify himself "on grounds other than the dictates of his own conscience," and that Carao has allowed himself "to be used in a charade." He said that as Estrada-appointed head of the Puwersa ng Masang Pilipino legal affairs committee, he was asked by Lacson to organize the legal arm of his campaign should he be chosen the party's standard bearer. Carao explained that while Lacson had full trust and confidence in lawyer Sigfrid Fortun, he thought "fresh insights from a new counsel would be helpful." But he added that this was not the first time that he and Callejo would be on opposing sides of an issue.

Carao also said that, contrary to my claim, he was not aware of any classmate of his who has attempted to visit Callejo in Baguio City. Except perhaps a mutual friend, lawyer Hilario Mendoza Jr., who tried but failed to see Justice Callejo with the intention of inviting him and his wife for dinner. Carao stressed that this is not unusual for Mendoza as there had been occasions in the past when they lunched together.

'No te vayas a Zamboanga!'

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Noralyn Mustafa

WE in Sulu were preoccupied with the daily and nightly hours-long blackouts compounded by the unjust and enormous amount of PPA that comes with it; water that drips out of our faucets for only a few hours after midnight; the pro and anti-Balikatan rallies; the visit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference monitoring team; the presence of Jema'ah Islamiyah and then, whammo!

A broadcaster on the local radio casually mentioned, with an audible smirk and snicker, that the good mayor of Zamboanga City, the Honorable Maria Clara Lobregat, had ordered the quarantine of all persons arriving from the provinces of Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, a.k.a. Moros, on one of the twin islands of Santa Cruz—you know, so they can write love letters on the vaunted pink sands and scrutinize the designs of the Badjao tombstones while waiting to be declared SARS-free and qualified to land in fair Zamboanga.

I didn't believe him.

Amid the uproar and indignation around me (what are we, diseased?) I still maintain my stand to not believe anything I don't see in the INQUIRER and since as of this writing I haven't read about it, I am convinced the announcer got it all wrong, or the honorable mayor was misquoted, or quoted out of context, whatever. Innocence is bliss.

Although by the instant laws that came with the SARS scare, any mayor is authorized to quarantine anybody to protect his/her constituency and to halt the spread of the dread virus. I still believe that at the most, she was misinterpreted, and the widespread rage thoroughly unjustified.

A cooler head must intervene, so as usual, I chucked my already finished piece on the state of affairs here for the more urgent matter at hand before matters get out of hand.

First, the people of the Sulu archipelago (which includes Tawi-Tawi) should be made to understand that if it is true, the mayor has nothing but their own welfare at heart. Actually what she is concerned with is not that they would infect the people of Zamboanga with the virus, but that they should be protected from it. I hope this is clear.

You see, being island provinces, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi have much better chances of remaining sterile. Nothing more complicated than the health and port authorities strictly screening everyone who arrives by sea and air, although one can't really guarantee the security of the high seas. How else could Daf Janjalani have abandoned us for the action in Basilan without even the Navforsouth any wiser?

But then what else could you expect from people assigned to patrol the expanse of the Sulu Sea—those poor Navy guys are equipped with only a couple of obsolete rejects from World War II? Imagine how embarrassing, it had to take the Malaysian authorities to spot the party of more than 20 fully armed people, presumably from here, who were heading toward one of their resorts again! But I am digressing.

Although, of course, these prove my contention that it is infinitely easier for the Abu Sayyaf to sail away from Sulu than for the SARS virus to come in, unlike Zamboanga City, which is at the tip of the peninsula that juts out so evocatively from the Mindanao mainland *(see map)*. I mean, one can never tell who may come in with those dozens of buses arriving daily, bearing people from any and all provinces of the biggest island in the country.

And since I also believe that one must never criticize or comment on matters like this without proposing solutions, I will seek an audience with our own mayor, Hadji Suod Tan, to give him unsolicited recommendations, although being a conservative person, he is not known to listen to characters who are known to periodically undergo bouts of comical hysteria.

To start off, I will suggest that he issue an executive order banning all departures from the port of Jolo, and prohibiting anyone from traveling to Zamboanga, our nearest neighbor in particular, on pain of being infected with the SARS virus.

And—here's the next measure, so full of possibilities, especially for Sulu's moribund economy and future progress!

Send letters of appeal to all former Sulu residents now living in Zamboanga to keep their children at home and stop crowding the malls and bazaars in that city, spending the money that originated from here. Not to mention that their very lives depend on it, literally. Can you imagine what microbes they will inhale in all that air-conditioned, recycled air?

This restriction, if strictly enforced, could force them to spend their summer vacation in Sulu and revel in the cool clean air, the sea breeze, the fresh fish, the fruits, the sparkling beaches—all that they were forced to leave behind in the Diaspora that followed the burning of Jolo, and make them appreciate their "place of origin" more.

This, by the way, is a term frequently used by Mayor Lobregat whenever, in her foresight, she urged "those people not from Zamboanga" to please leave her city. I fully agree, and how I wish they had listened to her.

Then, our mayor should ban all produce—fruits and vegetables—coming from the mainland and passing through Zamboanga from entering our port. Surely, they are infected.

This will create a market for local agriculture, enticing our own evacuees from the countryside to return to their fertile lands and start cultivating. And the dividend here is that the town of Jolo itself will be decongested; no more squatters, no more garbage!

So people of Sulu and Tawi-Tawi—don't you go to Zamboanga. Stay alive!

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Cough up the whole obscene 'longganiza'

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

BELITTLERS of the Republic and insulters of its proud people will eat their words about how puny and inconsequential we are among the giants in the coalition of the willing (now known as most of the human race). For in stricken places, Filipino medical men and women, brave nurses and doctors quietly redeem their country as a humanitarian superpower in the world's gratitude and esteem.

At the Asian summit on SARS, many international leaders paid emotional tribute to the heroism of Filipino nurses fighting the *coronae Urbani* virus outbreak. Microscopic, parasitic, parachuting velociraptors are loose in a herd of six billion big game prey-Beijing duck and *pancit* Guangdong at the red-star Chinese restaurant of Homo sapiens (and participating airlines). On May Day, GMA saluted Filipino medical heroes worldwide. She and Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit stood strong amid the rising panic, gladdening Justice Holmes. The government deserves a lot of credit and the fight is far from over.

Filipinos are battling SARS with selfless courage and good grades in molecular biology. So why do loons love the 2002 Basic Education Curriculum? In it, Raul Roco reduced class time in high school biology, chemistry, physics and earth science subjects by 33 percent, and abolished the Science subject altogether for pupils in Grades 1 and 2. All to teach them to be Makabayan—in English. This will surely swell the ranks of the tricycle drivers and the GROs, not train doctors and nurses, or vaccine-makers and designers of genetically modified organisms. Who will cheer this but activist hunger strikers who abandon their comrades and the hunger strike—out of hunger?

Thanks to politician porkers, our looted coffers contain only the odious principal of our great-grandchildren's sovereign debt, like the $2-billion Bataan Nuclear Power Plant, an albatross around our neck. But our OFWs will heal and help others, even if we are poor and in need ourselves. Poverty is not the same as ignobility, or mendacity, or resentfulness or hate. OFWs leave in a diaspora of ambition, not despair, to save their loved ones from hunger and shame. They will work anywhere so their loved ones, too, may live and someday, also give. If you want to call them mercenaries, set a meeting with the hungry vultures and tell them to their face. But they're only impoverished, hungry OFW-wannabes from the squatter slums, not judges and columnists, so be gentle.

Fierce opposition to a Philippine aid mission to Iraq comes from senators still digging out from an engulfing sandstorm of incomprehension of events since Sept. 11. They complain about the alleged P600-million cost while forgetting the Golden Rule.

From Joker Arroyo—"Make the Yanks pay!" Ahem, insiders intimate that the pork barrel controlled by every single senator nowadays is the familiar sum of P600 million each. You could fund the entire Iraqi mission all by yourself, Your Honor. From Nene Pimentel: "We can't afford it. Let's just send a token force—of Muslims!" Yeah, that'll fool the Iraqis into thinking we're just kidding about the crucifixes and Holy Catholic Masses in the Senate offices. From Ralph Recto: "Not a single centavo appropriated for humanitarian missions—unless it comes from America." See you in Las Vegas and LA this summer, Senator? From Manny Villar—a resolution banning any mission to Iraq pending a Senate inquiry, televised of course. But he offers "more than a P500,000 donation" from pork barrel funds of the Senate to the SARS fight. How generous. Five zeroes. How many N95 masks is that? (But me, I'd make them all cough up the whole obscene porcine P600-million *longganiza.*)

Then there's Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, vice chair of the national defense committee: "Let's wait for a UN resolution before sending a humanitarian mission to Iraq. The Philippines, a Third World country, must contribute to the preservation of the United Nations by withholding the sending of the RP humanitarian contingent...It is in the interest of the Third World that United Nations play a vital role in reducing 'Little Bush's Wars' from spreading and consuming the Third World...In fact, the best option is NOT to send a contingent at all."

With all due respect, this is useless thumbsucking—a refusal to face facts and consequences. The UN Security Council is dead. The five-way oligarchy that used to rule the world doesn't anymore. Many think the United Nations is a democratic parliament of nation-states, recently disobeyed by its greatest democracies (60 in the coalition, says Sen. Jun Magsaysay). But this is a huge myth, spread by the Security Council in 1945 to spell oligarchy as consensus. They made the Third World believe it so firmly that good and decent men still think a global act of trans-Atlantic goodwill could put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Former UN president Carlos P. Romulo grins at his durable legacy and its inheritors. Only studying history can relieve the vertigo that many statesmen feel.

An urgent task faces humanity in the Middle East. From Baghdad the roadmap leads to Israel and Palestine and the gnarled fuse of global terror near the fuel tanks of the planet. Momentous events are afoot as Abraham's children come together to cut that Gordian Knot and liberate the 21st century. We must stand with our allies in the coalition to remake a world for all human beings on one indivisible planet. Or we can join the new "rapid-reaction military alliance" organized by France and Belgium.

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New look of Metro and Sports sections

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

LAST April 25, the INQUIRER repackaged its Metro, Sports and Entertainment sections to make them more responsive to the needs of its readers. Aside from making the sections more exciting, the changes are meant to create more space for more stories.

The Metro section, which reports the newsworthy events in the nation's capital, was returned to the back page of the main section, or Section A, where it used to be when the newspaper started the section in 1991. The former occupant of that page, the Sports section, was given a new lease on life elsewhere in the newspaper with more pages and colorful photos.

The relocation of the Metro section turned off reader Efren Garcia who takes pride in his loyalty to the INQUIRER. He wrote: "I am greatly surprised (and disappointed) by the change in the placement of the Metro [section] which used to be a separate section of the newspaper. Now it is relegated to the back page of the main section.

"I always considered Metro as almost a separate newspaper which I gave preferential attention because everything in it intimately concerns those of us who live in Metro Manila. For example, if you want to see what is showing in what movie house or other performances, all we do is refer to the Metro page. Is it possible for the INQUIRER to restore the Metro section to its former place?"

In the same breath, another reader complained that the Sports section was perfect at the back page of the main section because it gave a much-needed break from the negative news that dominates the front page and inside pages. When the Metro section was an independent section, the reader said he was able to ignore the crime stories in the metropolis by simply ignoring that section. Now, he said, "I have to reprogram my reading habits to stop turning the pages when I am near the back page."

Space constraints

I learned from the editorial staff that the decision to reformat the Metro and Sports sections had been on the drawing board since the latter part of last year. Its implementation, however, was held in abeyance until all production problems had been ironed out first.

For technical reasons, the main section of the newspaper is limited to 24 pages. The cutoff number has something to do with the "computer to plate" capacity of the printing press and other factors that are too complex to discuss in this column.

This space limitation means the sections assigned to Section A—front-page news, editorials, opinion, Across the Nation, World and Sports then—had to compete among themselves for editorial space, except for Opinion which has an assured allocation of three pages, including the letters to the editor.

Incidentally, one of the reasons why Sports was assigned to the back page of the main section was to enable it to catch the scores of the Philippine Basketball Association games that usually ended late in the evening. Since the counterpart page of Sports then in the main section was the front page, which closed at 10 p.m., the results of the last basketball game could catch the next day's edition.

Unfortunately, the space constraint prevented Sports from coming out with additional stories or photos on those occasions when important athletic activities were happening at the same time in the Philippines and other parts of the world. That situation did not sit well with many readers who believe sports news, photos and trivia are as important, if not more important, than the usual dose of domestic and international news.

Reformat

At the same time, some editors wanted to return the Metro section to the main section so all the traditional forms of news are consolidated in one section. Meaning, significant reports from the three branches of government, international news and stories about newsworthy events in Metro Manila should come in one bundle, not spread out in different parts of the newspaper.

So the editorial and production staffs of the newspaper got together to address the concerns raised in relation to the Sports and Metro sections. The "win-win" solution came in the form of spinning off Sports from Section A and making it a pullout section.

On Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the Sports section will be on stand-alone status, that is, it will occupy a separate section with the number of pages it needs to give meaningful coverage to important sports events. This will allow the publication of more photos and feature articles on those days that readers seem to want to know more and have the time to read about their favorite sports events.

For the other days of the week, Sports will be published in tandem with the Entertainment section so the readers can have a mixture of games and show-biz tidbits to liven up their days. That happens to be a good combination because both types of news are meant to give the readers some respite from all the bad news that have been hitting us and the rest of the world.

If you have noticed, since April 25, the Sports section has become richer in editorial content and colored photos. On April 27 and 28 it even had mini-centerfold photos of the bicycle Tour ng Pilipinas 2003 and National Basketball Association games in the United States.

The fans of Metro have no reason to cry "foul" for finding their favorite section at the back of the main section. Aware of the space constraints that once gave the Sports editor a headache, the editorial staff has made the proper adjustments in the formatting of Section A to make sure Metro will get additional pages when the situation calls for it.

The jury is still out on whether the changes made by the INQUIRER on its Sports and Metro sections have met the expectations of its readers. But one thing is sure, in the newspaper business and other endeavors, you can't please them all. You just have to keep trying to reach that goal.

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Envoy to US-occupied Iraq?

PERMIT me to express what almost every career foreign service officer thinks about the appointment of an ambassador-designate to Iraq in the person of businessman Jose Ibazeta.

For starters, there is at the moment no government to speak of in Iraq. And given the admission by the United States that it would take two to five years before the Iraqis are ready to run their country, Ibazeta will have a long wait.

How can any country send an ambassador to a US-occupied Iraq? To begin with, we already have an ambassador in Washington, Alberto del Rosario. Logically, he should be the one to do what Ibazeta is supposed to do. For that matter, Del Rosario should logically also be the one to do what former Foreign Secretary Roberto Romulo is supposed to do as chair of the task force created by the President to see how the Philippines can cash in on the reconstruction of Iraq.

Perhaps Del Rosario is too busy looking for buyers for the Philippine government property in the United States? Perhaps he is not deemed to be the right man for Romulo's job because he indignantly rejected the suggestion of Sen. Aquilino Pimental that we get more from the United States for our having joined the "coalition of the willing" in the invasion of Iraq?

Why the task force had to be created is beyond me. Most of our major contractors already have connections with US companies that have been awarded, and will likely be awarded, contracts by the United States, such as the giant Bechtel Corp., and the Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Root and Brown. Besides, our contractors' and workers' reputation and abilities are well-appreciated everywhere. And given our membership in the "coalition of the willing," one would assume we do not need a task force to land sub-contracts in the reconstruction bonanza. The task force adds only to the bureaucratic layers and unnecessarily costs precious and scarce government resources during a runaway deficit.

Going back to the appointment of Ibazeta, the career foreign service officers are very much aware of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations pertaining to the appointment of ambassadors. There are a number of steps that have to be taken before any public announcement is made of the appointment.

In any event, ask any professional in the Department of Foreign Affairs about the Ibazeta appointment. What you will most likely get is a wry smile or a resigned shrug of the shoulders. They will also tell you that they were not consulted on the matter.

A pity.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

GMA missing chance to be great

"EAGLES don't catch flies," accordiong to one saying. It means that the great do not concern themselves with trivial matters.

President Macapagal-Arroyo should therefore stop conducting surprise visits on police stations and airports, cutting ribbons to inaugurate finished infrastructure projects, etc. All are trivial matters best left to the heads of minor offices. Certainly, there are more important and pressing matters that a head of state must attend to.

Sadly, the President is missing the opportunity to be great.

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SARS could be a 'psy op'

FOR TWO weeks now, we have been bombarded by headlines and news stories about victims felled by the so-called Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS in many parts of the world. What makes matters worse is the fact that authorities refer to it as the "latest threat" in an ongoing series of attacks against humanity by "mysteriously mutating supergerms," just like the AIDS and the Ebola viruses that came before it. In addition, there are also statements from the World Health Organization (WHO) and elsewhere that this latest syndrome is, in fact, a "dress rehearsal" for the Big One, the inevitable "killer flu pandemic" that could come anytime.

Needless to say, all these wild speculations have begun to take a heavy toll on the global economy, the same way that rumors about the Y2K caused bankruptcies at the turn of the century. This makes us suspect that SARS is another classic "psychological operation."

"This concept of a microbiological Armageddon is not new," says Dr. Leonard Horrowitz, the Harvard graduate in public health and expert in medical sociology, who became famous after exposing the man-made origin of HIV/AIDS. "Experts have been predicting the arrival of a superplague for decades. What is highly suspicious about the mysterious and terrifying arrival of SARS is its timing. It arrived virtually synchronous with the global war on terrorism, and the Anglo-American war with Iraq." Horrowitz believes, and rightly so, that no great epidemic has ever evolved separately from major socio-political upheavals.

If Horrowitz is right that this fright's likeliest purpose is to facilitate economic and political agendas, we can conclude that America's multibillion-dollar "homeland security" programs that emerged from post 9/11 legislation and our very own "homeland security agency" initially funded with P1.5 billion are mere "profit centers" fueled by fright and institutionalized terror campaigns.

In the weeks and months following the 9/11 attacks on America, Horrowitz traced the widely publicized "anthrax mailing mystery" to CIA-commissioned biological weapons contractors with ties to British M16, Porton Down, the Anglo-American pharmaceutical cartel, including Bayer, Hoecsht, Baxter and Merck, and ultimately to George Soros. Since many of these companies are also doing business in the Philippines, we can safely assume that they could also be behind the SARS media hype.

All of the world's war economy substitutes like the Y2K, the "war on AIDS," "war on organized crime," "war on drugs," "war on terrorism," "war on cancer," environmental protection movements and many others, require sophisticated propaganda programs employing fear campaigns for social acceptance and popular support. The same may hold for the SARS scare, which probably explains why a newly-established government agency in charge of "homeland security" has been given a gargantuan budget.

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Student nurses, not interns

JUST a quick note on your headline photo last April 24.

The picture showed not medical interns but student nurses. I know for a fact that medical interns in any medical school and in any outside rotation don't wear white aprons as shown in the picture. I hope this will be corrected because I find it a little distressing that something like this came out on the front page without somebody checking on some details.

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UNLESS there has been a sudden and drastic change in the attire of health personnel, the ladies in the front row of the photograph on Page 1 of your April 24 issue are not interns, but nurses. Nurses are, let us not forget, often in the vanguard of battles for the health of the sick.

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So sorry. You're right. The error was noted in our editorial assessment meeting on Tuesday, but we forgot to publish a correction.—**Editor**

PAF on shooting incident

THIS has reference to an article entitled "4 Air Force men facing murder raps" last April 22.

The four soldiers—Sgt. Joemar Perez, A1C Junie Cabigon, A1C Omar Mathew and A1C Ricky Cataque—were on an official mission as part of a team tasked to conduct intensified data gathering on terrorist groups operating in their area of responsibility. On April 15, at around 9 p.m., the group of Cabigon went to Mamagaya Restaurant to verify an earlier report that the terrorist group they were casing frequented the establishment. After staying in the area for several hours with none of the terrorists appearing, the soldiers left for a nearby restaurant, the Iloilo Arrozcaldo House, to have some porridge.

While the soldiers were having their meal, a group of boisterous drunken men came in. It was the same group that earlier sat near the soldiers' table at Mamagaya Restaurant. After finishing their meal, the soldiers went out of the establishment and took a tricycle for the trip back to the base.

As they were about to leave, one of the drunken men rushed out of the restaurant and hurled a big rock at the tricycle, hitting its side mirror, nearly hitting Cataque, who was seated at the rear portion of the tricycle. Then the man who was in fatigue pants appeared to be getting something tucked at his waist.

Sensing danger for his companions, Cataque fired at the man. Subsequently, Cataque voluntarily surrendered to his squadron commander who took him to the local PNP authorities.

Air Force authorities in the area initiated a thorough investigation immediately after this incident to ascertain the facts. Should any of our airmen be found responsible, be assured that we will right away initiate the necessary steps so that justice will be served.

—MAJ. RESTITUTO F. PADILLA JR.,
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Are there jobs for the new graduates?

AS we worry about the outbreak of SARS and the economic impact of post-war Iraq rebuilding, we must also worry about the jobs that our newly graduates could get.

Will there be jobs for the 364,672 new college graduates? Given the 2.4 million jobs that have to be created until 2004, where do our graduates fit in the labor equation? Given our 10.6 percent unemployment rate and 16.1 percent underemployment rate, can our graduates hope for anything?

If our graduates' diplomas mean anything more than testimonies to their hard work and "great expectations," then there should be a place for them in the labor market. If the Philippines is being hailed as "the best performing stock market" in Southeast Asia and the growth of the country's exports are a boost to the economy, then these must also bring good news to our graduates.

As we create jobs now, let's also overhaul our educational system to be relevant to the demands of the job market. That way, our future graduates will be more competitive. And as we strengthen the economy to create jobs, let's have less politics and focus on national priorities, our graduates' future being one of them.

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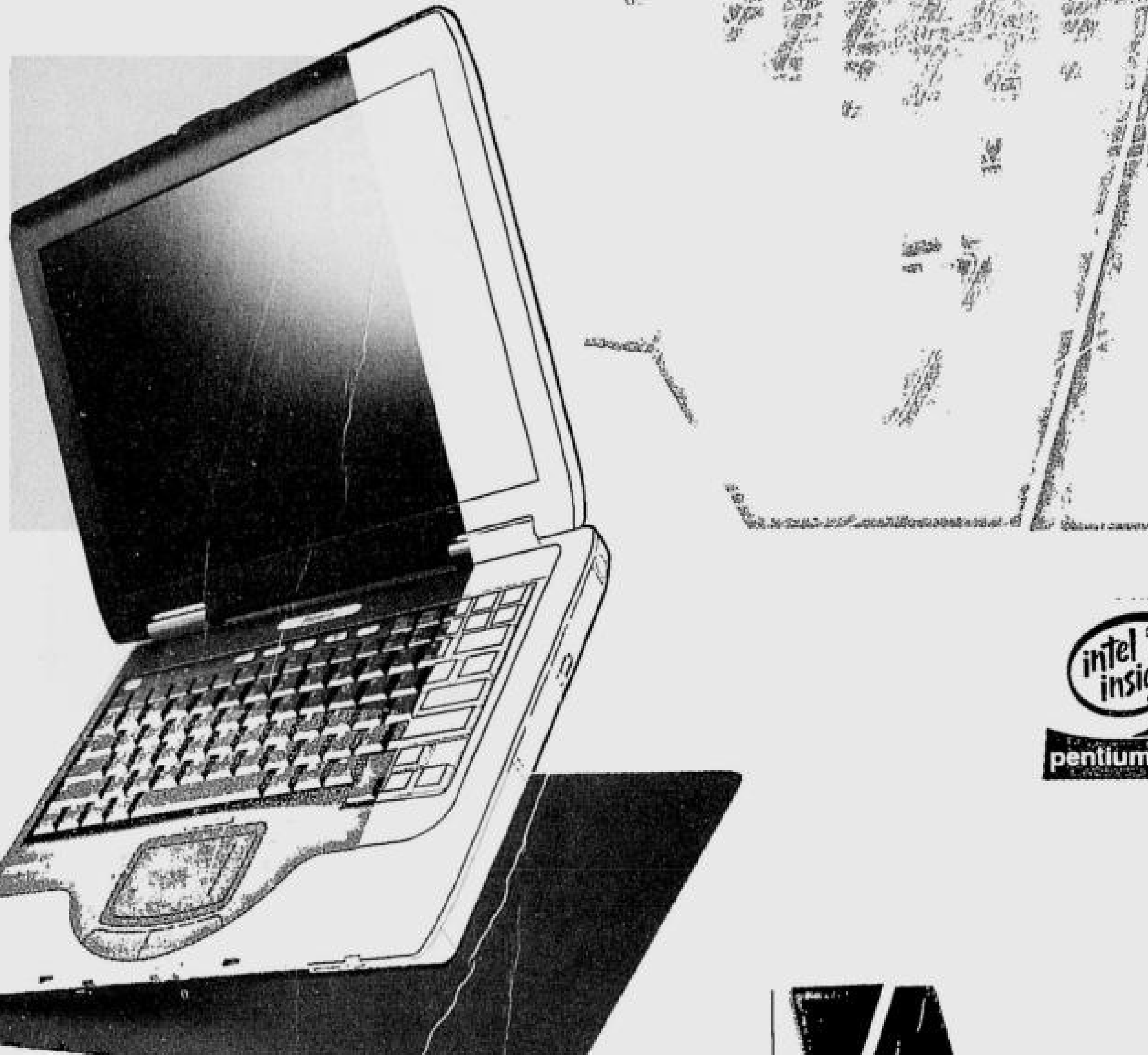

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The WORLD

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Pakistan invites Indian prime minister

Vajpayee assured a warm welcome awaits him in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali on Saturday sent a formal invitation to Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee to visit Pakistan for bilateral talks, official sources told Dawn.

The invitation was handed over to the acting Indian High Commissioner, T.C.A. Raghavan, by a senior official at the foreign ministry.

"A warm welcome awaits you," was how Jamali invited his Indian counterpart.

The sources said in his invitation, Jamali stated he was heartened by Vajpayee's desire to improve relations between the two countries.

Jamali also reiterated his offer to visit India in the interest of peace and security in the region.

The formal invitation came four days after Jamali established telephone contact with Vajpayee, ending the nearly 17-month-old impasse between India and Pakistan. Prime Minister Jamali's peace initiative followed Vajpayee's offer of a dialogue to Pakistan on April 18 in Srinagar. On Friday, Vajpayee signaled India's readiness to restore full diplomatic relations and air links.

Powell's call

Earlier on Saturday, US Secretary of State Colin Powell telephoned Jamali to convey his deep appreciation for the prime minister's initiative in calling his Indian counterpart.

"The prime minister assured Powell of Pakistan's continuing positive and constructive approach to commence a meaningful dialogue between Pakistan and India," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Powell said the US would remain engaged in the region to promote better understanding between India and Pakistan. *The Dawn /Asia News Network*

Careful preparation

NEW DELHI—Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee responded promptly but cautiously to Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali's invitation on Saturday to visit Islamabad, saying careful preparation was needed for a summit meeting and problems of cross-border terrorism had to be resolved.

Writing back to Jamali within hours of receiving the invitation, Vajpayee said: "Careful preparation needs to be made on the ground so that a meaningful engagement can be made at the highest level." *ANN*

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Pro-US Baghdad rally

BAGHDAD—Several dozen Iraqis staged a rally in Baghdad Sunday to thank the United States for removing strongman Saddam Hussein. "Yes, yes for democracy," they chanted in Arabic in front of the Palestine Hotel where many foreign correspondents are based. Some of the banners in English held up at the demonstration read, "Iraqis thank the United States" and "Iraq-US cooperation equals peace." The demonstration, which also called for the unity between Iraq's Sunni and Shiite Muslims, was organized by the Supreme Council for the Liberation of Iraq, a Shiite group whose members claim some support south of Baghdad. *AFP*

A DEMONSTRATOR smokes cannabis during the Fifth Annual International Cannabis March in London, May 3. Approximately 1,500 people many of them actually smoking cannabis joined the march REUTERS

Fund for couples

THE JAPANESE government plans to provide financial assistance from fiscal 2004 to married couples requiring fertility treatment in a bid to boost the declining birthrate, government officials said Friday. A plan under consideration by the ruling coalition parties and the government calls for 100,000 yen to be provided each year for up to two years to married couples who receive treatments such as in vitro fertilization. According to the Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry, about 280,000 married couples are thought to have received fertility treatments.
Yomiuri Shimbun/Asia News Network

Seoul flexible

PRESIDENT Roh Moo-hyun has suppressed the burgeoning dispute within the government over South Korea's participation in the nuclear talks, without insisting on a seat at the dialogue table if such a demand would threaten the continuation of the talks. Senior government officials have recently presented conflicting stories regarding Seoul's inclusion in the nuclear talks, which began in a trilateral setting between North Korea, the United States and China last week to tackle the North's nuclear weapons development. Roh told an MBC-TV debate program Thursday that what matters is not the format of talks, but the achievement of substantial results.
The Korea Herald

AUNG SUU KYI AFP

21 freed prisoners

YANGON—Myanmar's military government said on Sunday it had freed 21 political prisoners, including 12 members of Aung San Suu Kyi's pro-democracy party, in what it called an effort to move closer to multi-party democracy. Some 1,100 to 1,200 political prisoners languish in Myanmar's colonial era gaols, according to UN rights envoy Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, who abruptly cut short a visit late in March after discovering a bugging device while interviewing a prisoner. Pinheiro called the incident "a great embarrassment" for Myanmar's ruling generals, and urged them to free all political prisoners to help restore the trust of the United Nations. *Reuters*

Dismantling suspended

JERUSALEM—Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz has decided to suspend the dismantling of a dozen rogue settlement outposts, Israeli public radio said on Sunday. Only one of the unauthorized outposts, located in the West Bank, is currently inhabited. In a mainly symbolic act as peace hopes in the region cautiously grew, the Army last week removed a caravan acting as a settlement outpost near Hebron in the southern West Bank. *AFP*

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Mass grave of Shi'ites discovered

Iraqis find bodies with blindfolds, hands tied

NAJAF, Iraq—Iraqis clawed or shovelled through a mass grave on Sunday to uncover dozens of corpses, some with blindfolds and hands tied, who appeared to have been executed during a 1991 Shi'ite Muslim uprising.

At least 20 bodies, including a few women, were unearthed from the site about 20 km north of Najaf by mid-day. Many had plastic-coated identity cards in their rotting clothes. Combs, coins and watches lay among them, along with bullet casings.

Yellow twine coated with a coppery crust, which the diggers thought was blood, bound their wrists.

"This is one, this is one," said an Iraqi man who helped to dig, pointing out bones and clothes embedded in dirt near farms north of Najaf, about 160 km (100 miles) south of Baghdad.

Around the lip of the hole where he was standing were 20 corpses that had already been extracted. They were wrapped in white sheets and their identity cards were placed in plastic bags and tied to the bundles.

The workers tried to keep the corpses intact. Some were skeletons in civilian clothes and shoes. Jawbones, thigh or arm bones and skulls with patches of hair jutted from the soil.

Burial Ritual

Once a full corpse appeared to have been retrieved and was placed on a white sheet, one worker, Alwan Khudayr, dipped his hands into the dirt and then patted down the remains to dust them with earth in a burial ritual.

Around the farmland area known as Khan al-Rubea were countless other mounds where Red Crescent workers and officials from a Shi'ite Muslim group, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said they suspected more corpses lay.

At a second site nearby, a skull with a red and white scarf tied around the eye sockets was found. Another skull lay near it.

"This is the tip of the iceberg in this country," said Captain Mike Urena, a US Marines civil affairs officer who visited the second site on Sunday and then turned it over to local Red Crescent authorities. *Reuters*

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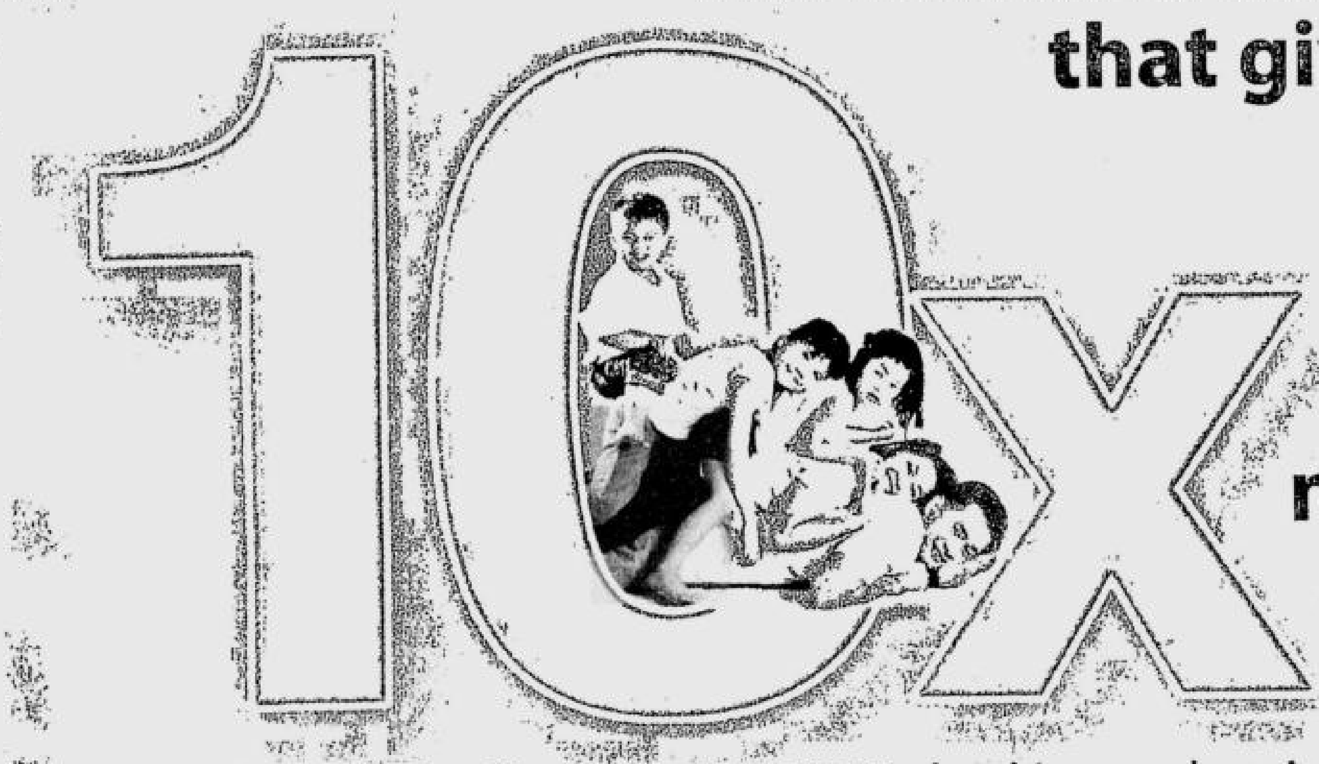

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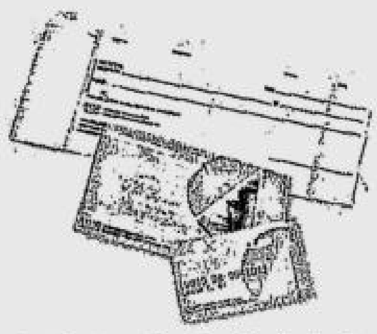

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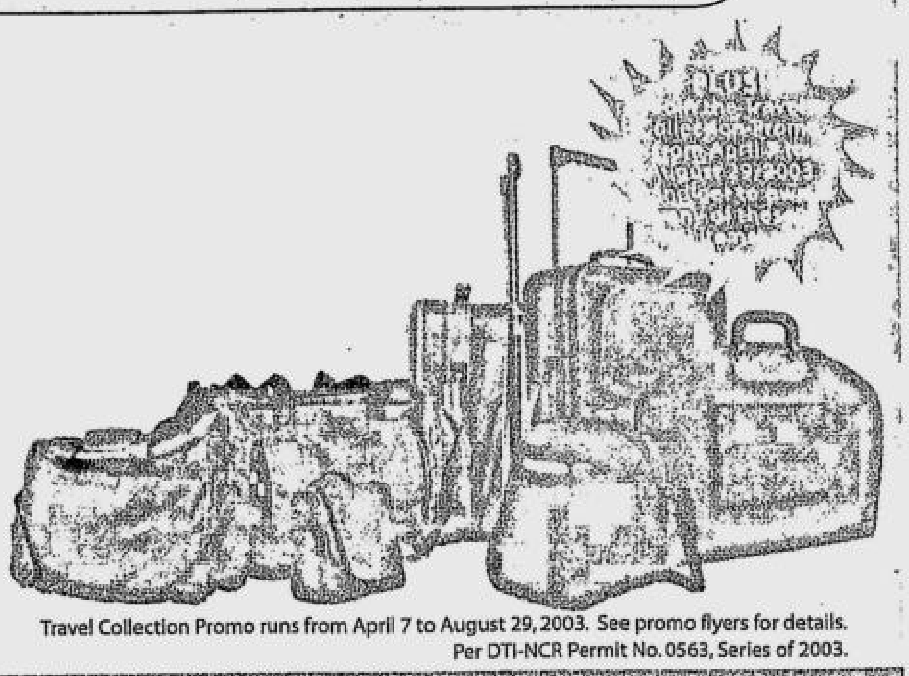

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, May 5, 2003
3rd Week of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6:8-15
Gospel: Jn 6:22-29

After Jesus had fed the five thousand, his disciples saw him walking on the water.

Next day the people who had stayed on the other side realized that only one boat had been there and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples; rather, the disciples had gone away alone. Bigger boats from Tiberias came near the place where all these people had eaten the bread. When they saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Master, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered, "Truly, I say to you, you look for me, not because you have seen through the signs, but because you ate bread and were satisfied. Work then, not for perishable food, but for the lasting food which gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give it to you, for he is the one the Father has marked."

Then the Jews asked him, "What shall we do? What are the works that God wants us to do?" And Jesus answered them, "The work God wants is this: that you believe in the One whom God has sent."

Commentary

A polite question. An accusing answer. The directness of Jesus can shock us, trained as we are to be gracious in a civil society. On the other hand, it can also be an invitation to greater courage at pointing out error where it exists and leading others to the truth. Sometimes our desire not to offend anyone limits us to empty greetings (is there real concern in that "how are you"?) and inane conversations (what's the weather like?). There is a bankruptcy in our relationships because we refuse to deal with "touchy" issues. Or maybe we are really incapable of more serious talk because we are still working for perishable food and are still postponing to work for the lasting food, which gives eternal life.

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Pope canonizes 5 Spanish saints

ST. GENNARO'S MIRACLE
The statue of Naples patron, Saint Gennaro, during a procession in central Naples on May 3. The procession begins as the Cardinal of Naples Michele Giordano, shows the Neapolitan faithful the "glass vial" which they believe is the dried blood of St. Gennaro, which liquifies in a twice-yearly miracle. Cheers rang out among the 3,000-strong congregation when an aide to the cardinal waved a white handkerchief as a signal that the blood had become liquid. Italian scientists have confirmed that the substance is blood but have not discovered why it liquifies regularly. The miracle has been recorded on set dates twice a year, almost without fail for the past 600 years. REUTERS

MADRID—Hundreds of thousands of worshippers flocked to central Madrid on Sunday for a spectacular open air mass where Pope John Paul II canonized five new Spanish saints.

Greeted with a roar of approval from the adoring crowd, the 82-year-old Pontiff arrived shortly before 10 a.m. for the ceremony, which organizers expected to draw up to a million people.

Entire families had set up camp in the Spanish capital's Colon Square, spending Saturday night in the open air to await the two-hour canonization mass, the highlight of the Pope's two-day visit.

To cries of "Long live the Pope" and "John Paul II, everybody loves you" and flanked by several hundred priests, the Pontiff took place at a giant altar, behind which a vast canvas depicting the five new Spanish saints was stretched.

Wearing white robes and speaking in Spanish, the Pope read out the names of the new saints, which include the priest Pedro Poveda Castroverde, who was executed after being captured by Republicans early in the 1936-1939 civil war.

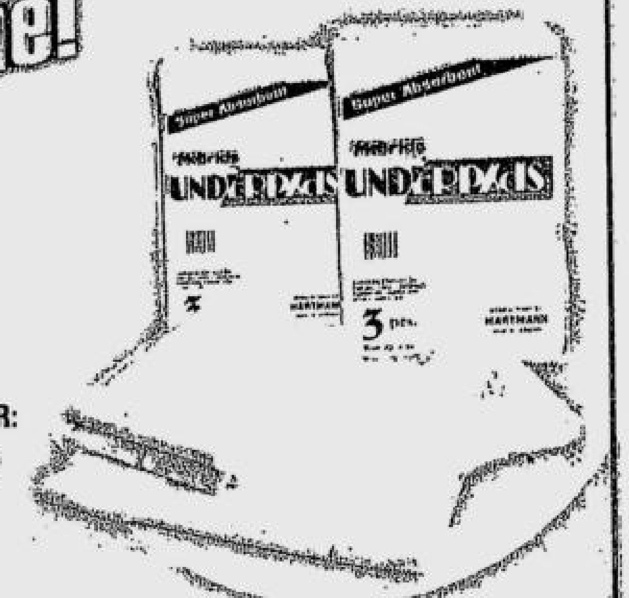
Castroverde was shot aged 61 after a summary trial on July 28, 1936. He died after declaring: "I am a servant of Christ," according to biographical notes issued by the Vatican.

The other four new Spanish saints are a Jesuit, Jose Maria Rubio Peralta, and three nuns —Genoveva Torres Morales, Angela de la Cruz and Maria Maravillas de Jesus, all of whom died during the last century. *AFP*

Looters are back

BAGHDAD—Hundreds of unarmed Iraqi police returned to Baghdad streets on Sunday under the supervision of US forces trying to restore order in the chaotic capital.

But in a reminder of the mammoth task facing police, looters also made a comeback, making forays into a presidential palace to scavenge whatever was left from earlier bouts of looting. Law and order collapsed in Baghdad on April 9, the day US troops toppled Saddam Hussein. *AFP*



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Search is over

CELTIKSUYU, Turkey—Rescue work to look for survivors of the earthquake which demolished a boarding school in eastern Turkey has officially ended after the last two bodies of pupils were pulled out from under the debris, the provincial governor announced Sunday.

The final toll in Thursday's quake stood at 167 dead and 537 injured, the governor of Bingol province Avni Cos told the Anatolia news agency.

At the school in Celtiksuyu, where 198 pupils were asleep in their dormitories when the earthquake struck, 84 children and one teacher perished and 114 survived, he said.

With the discovery of the bodies of Alican Celik and Cihat Avci, both aged 14, rescue teams were able to end their search and allow bulldozers to begin clearing the tangled concrete and steel wreckage, all that remains of the four-story building.

A tearful crowd applauded the rescue teams as they left the school site.

The earthquake, measuring 6.4 on the open-ended Richter scale, struck in the early hours of Thursday, completely destroying 82 homes and damaging 1,100 others in the mainly Kurdish region, Cos told Anatolia.

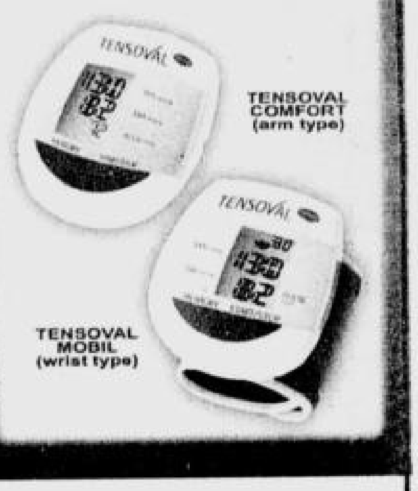
Turkey is criss-crossed by active faultlines, including one in northern Anatolia which caused two major earthquakes. *AFP*

Hamas, Hezbollah confident

BEIRUT—Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrillas said on Sunday they were confident Lebanon and Syria would not bow to US demands to rein them in and vowed to keep up armed resistance to Israel.

The militant Palestinian group Hamas, whose Damascus office Washington demands Syria close to get in line with US plans for the Middle East after the Iraq war, also shrugged off US pressure and said its fight with Israel would continue.

The demands came from the US Secretary of State.



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Safe landing

ASTANA, Kazakhstan—A Russian Soyuz spacecraft safely delivered a three-man, US-Russian crew to Earth on Sunday in the first landing following the Columbia space shuttle disaster, but ended up hundreds of kilometers off-course and way out of reach of search-and-rescue helicopters.

Russian spotters found the capsule north of the Aral Sea after a nerve-racking, two-hour air search. The three crewmen had opened the hatch and climbed out of the spacecraft, and stood waving at the search plane. They appeared to be in good health, Russian space officials said.

It was the first time ever that US astronauts had landed on foreign soil in a foreign spacecraft.

The lengthy search ended a mission already severely shaken by the Columbia catastrophe on Feb. 1, which led to the grounding of the entire US shuttle fleet and forced a change in travel plans 'for the astronauts left stranded in space.

The head of the US space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Sean O'Keefe, admitted he had been nervous but he put a positive spin on the landing and lauded the Russian-US cooperation that had allowed the space program to continue.

"At the time when we needed them most, Russia, our partners, have excelled," O'Keefe. "Today's challenge further demonstrates that space exploration is a very, very risky business." *AP*

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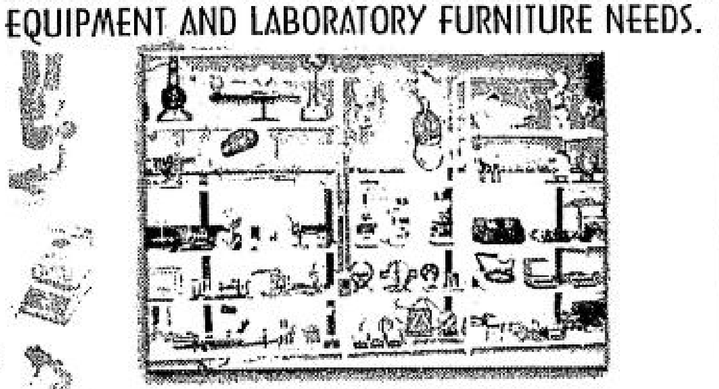

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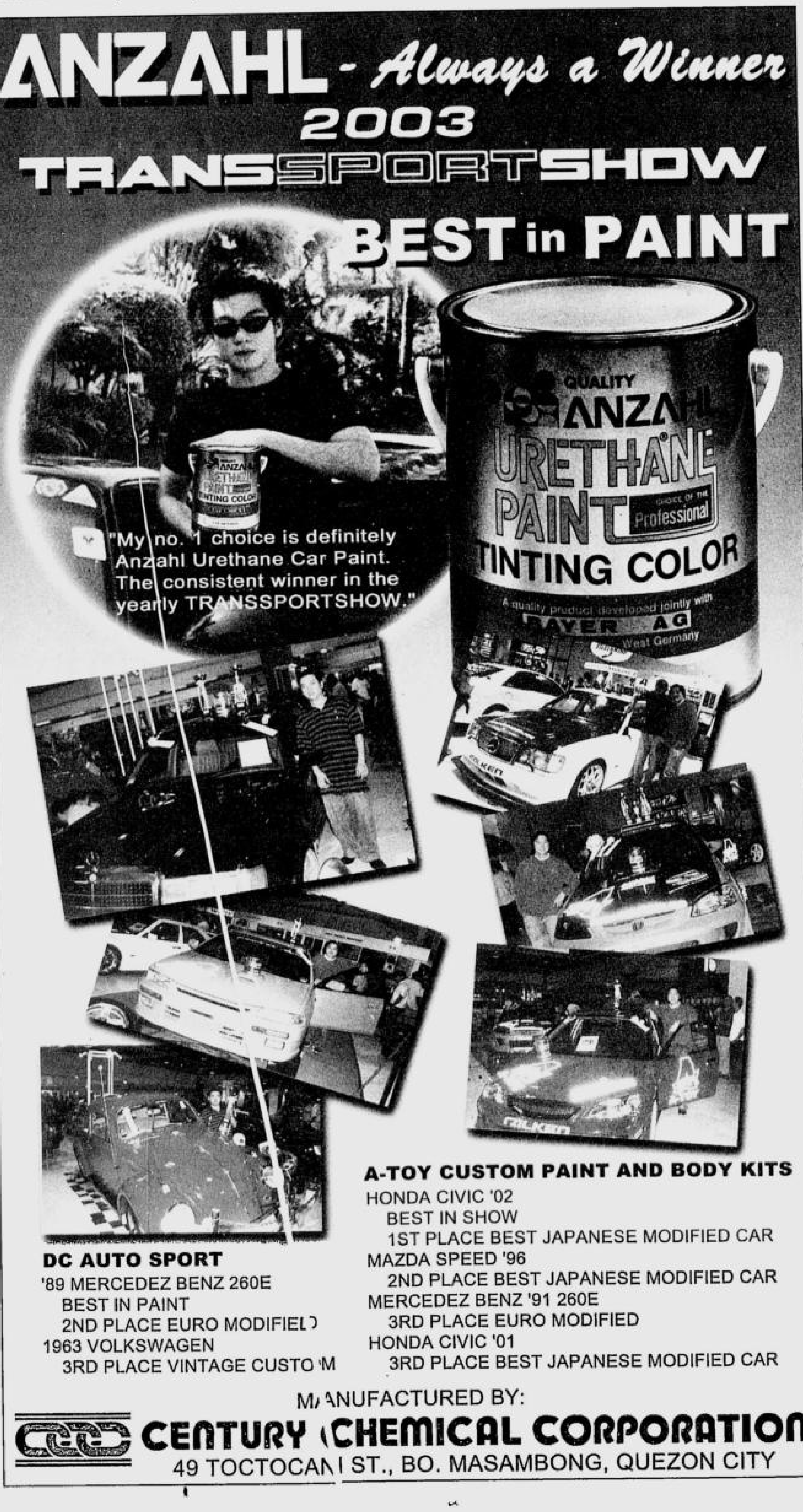
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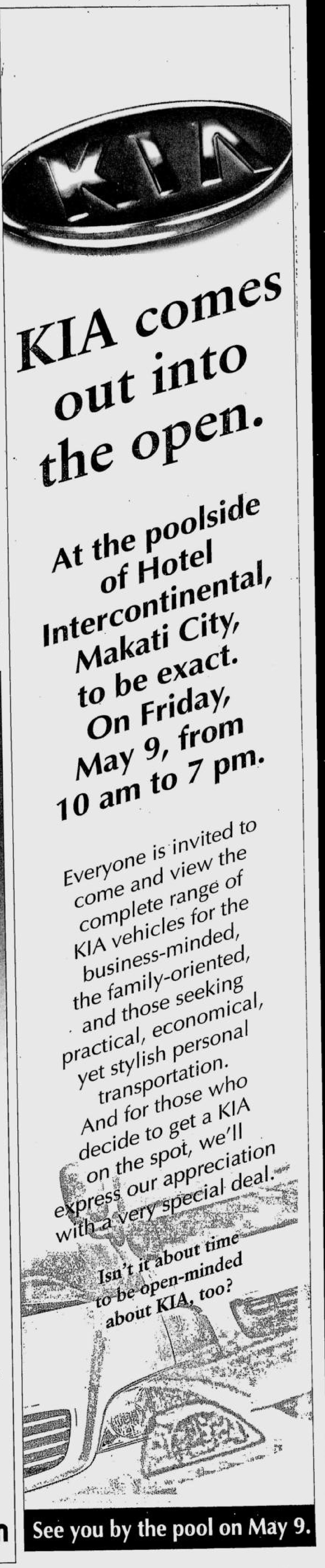
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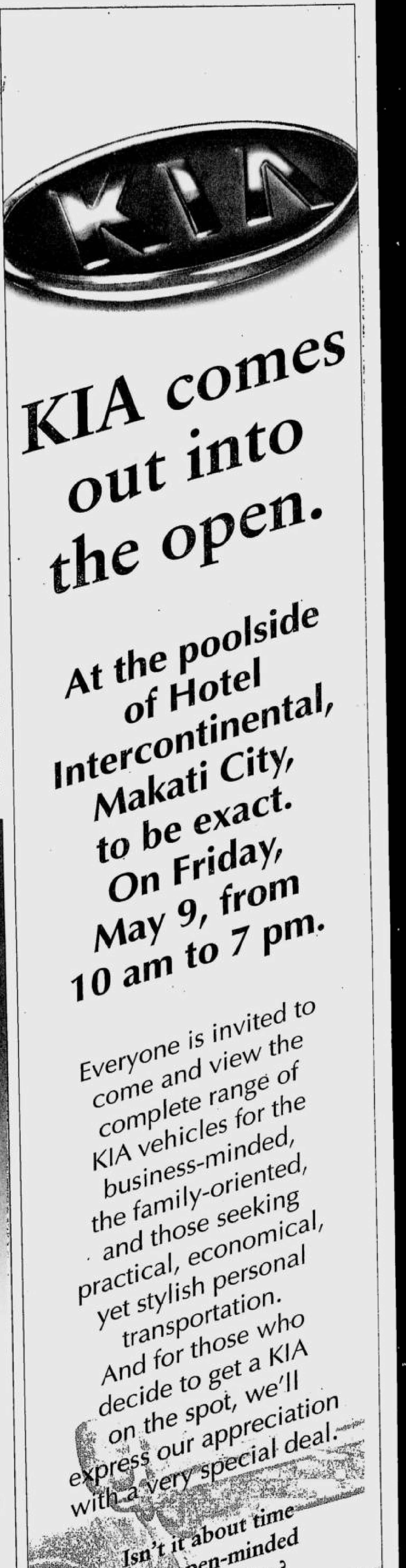
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Congress probe of Taiwanese incursion urged

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A new group of small handline tuna fishers has urged Congress to look into the rampant illegal poaching by Taiwanese fishing vessels within the country's fishing grounds.

Dario Lauron, chair of the Alliance of Tuna Handliners (ATH), issued the appeal during a press conference here Thursday.

Lauron said Taiwanese fishers have been intruding into the country's territorial waters and their activities have been affecting not only the small handline tuna fishers but the entire fishing industry here as well.

Economy

Fishing contributes about 60 percent to the city's economy. More than 30,000 families with more than 100,000 dependents here are directly dependent on fishing for livelihood.

Marfin Tan, a fishing tycoon and president of the San Andres Fishing Industries Inc. (SAFII) here, told the INQUIRER that the long-line method used by Taiwanese poachers are destroying their fish aggregating devices or "payaw" in the high seas.

Tan said that *payaw*, an artificial fish sanctuary in the high seas, costs not less than P150,000.

"Taiwanese poachers are destroying our *payaws* when it obstruct their longlines," Tan said.

He cited one incident last year in which a Taiwanese fishing vessel smashed into two of his fishing boats some 120 nautical miles off the coast of Surigao.

Complaint

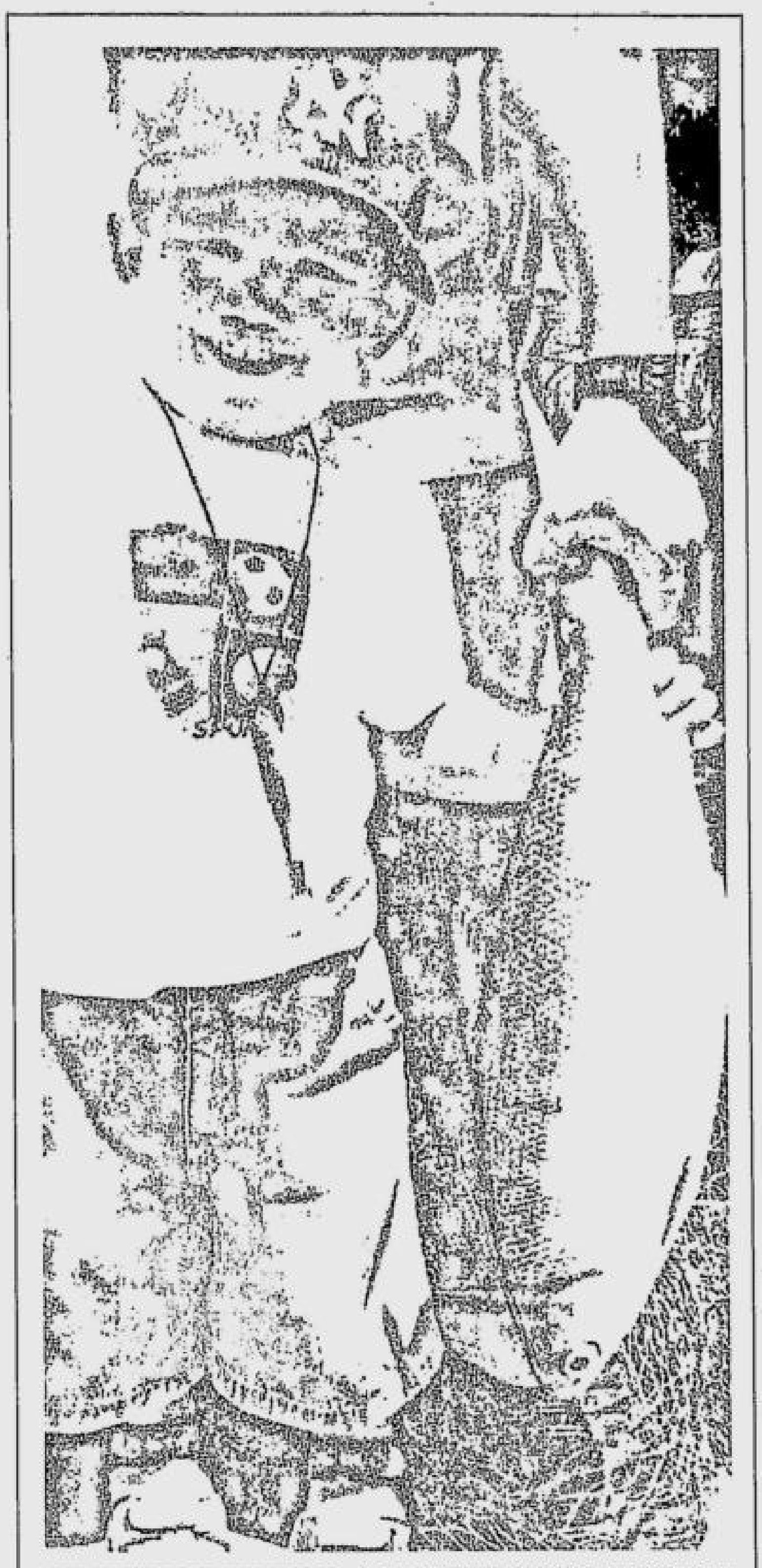
Tan filed a complaint through the Department of Foreign Affairs, but nothing happened.

"The Taiwanese managed to run away," he said.

Industry sources said more than 100 Taiwanese fishing vessels poach into the country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Tan said these Taiwanese fishing vessels were allowed by the Philippine government to use the Davao Fish Port Complex as transshipment point for their tuna catch.

"Yet, these foreign longline fishers are not paying accreditation and transshipment permits to the government," Tan said. *Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



HEAVIEST 'BANGUS' TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

THREE-year-old Jeremy Doria shows off his father's winning entry to the heaviest *bangus* (milkfish) competition during the Second Dagupan Bangus Festival. The milkfish weighed 3.4 kg.

ROUNDUP

Fireworks maker nabbed

STA. MARIA, Bulacan—Police arrested a pyrotechnic manufacturer after he allegedly burned his house in Barangay Pulong Buhangin here on Sunday. Reports said Virgilio de la Cruz, 50, a suspected illegal drug user, earlier threatened to burn his family's house if they insisted on bringing him to a rehabilitation center. On Sunday night, police said De la Cruz made good his threat and burned his house using chemicals used in manufacturing firecrackers and pyrotechnic products. No one was reported hurt in the 30-minute fire as De la Cruz's family members had left the house before it was burned. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Court evidence stolen

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Thieves broke into an office at the regional trial court here on Friday and took away several pieces of court evidence from the office's filing cabinet. Police said the suspects entered the office of Judge Adelaida Ala Medina through a window. Once inside, the suspects broke the judge's steel cabinet and took several documents and a .38 cal. revolver. The gun was submitted as evidence in a case of illegal possession of firearms filed before Medina's sala. *Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Forest fire in Palawan

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Fire razed about 100 hectares of reforested area in this city and neighboring farmlands on Wednesday. The area used to be a reforestation site of the Palawan Tropical Forestry Protection Program, a special project under the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development. A monitoring team composed of City Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) and Bantay Gubat was formed to investigate the cause of the incident. Cenro Officer Rogelio Daquer asked the help of residents in forested barangays to guard their areas since they do not have enough personnel to monitor forest fires. *Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Rebels burn bus

NAGA CITY—About 16 armed men suspected to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) torched a Manila-bound bus in Barangay Liboro, Ragay, Camarines Sur. Senior Insp. Benito Niño, Ragay town chief of police, said the suspects stopped the bus, ordered the passengers to disembark, and set the Raymond bus on fire at around 10 p.m. Tuesday. Senior Supt. Roberto Rongavilla, Camarines Sur police chief, has instructed police commanders to tighten security in the wake of the first incidence of bus burning in the province this year. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Lanao governor urges GMA to file sedition charges vs radio station

ILIGAN CITY—Lanao del Norte Gov. Imelda Dimaporo is urging President Macapagal-Arroyo to file sedition charges against the staff of a radio station here for airing several live interviews with Abdurahman Macapaar, alias Commander Bravo, of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

In an 8-page report addressed to the President, Dimaporo said dxIC-Iligan, a station operated by the Radio Mindanao Network, should be "investigated for sedition and its permit to operate should be suspended or cancelled."

Dimaporo's complaint came a few days after some 300 MILF rebels led by Commander Bravo "attempted to occupy Maigo on April 24."

At 6 a.m. that day, Commander Bravo was interviewed on air. The interview lasted for about two hours.

Dimaporo said allowing Bravo to "deceptively" report on air what was happening in Maigo "caused much worries to the relatives of those residing in Lanao del Norte."

"It was not true that the MILF occupied Maigo, that (Bravo) was at the poblacion of Maigo, that the MILF cut to pieces the Barongison Bridge and that PNP personnel were taken hostage by the MILF," Dimaporo told the INQUIRER.

After interviewing Bravo, dxIC said it tried but failed to contact Dimaporo.

Dimaporo said dxIC "has been known to (have good ties) with the MILF, serving as loudspeakers to their propaganda."

But Ramil Emborong, dxIC station manager, said they were just "being faithful to their obligations as broadcasters."

He said they never took Bravo's statements as the absolute truth. "When Bravo said they blew up the Barongison Bridge, we immediately sent our reporters to the site to independently confirm the report," Emborong told the INQUIRER. *Jeffrey Maningo, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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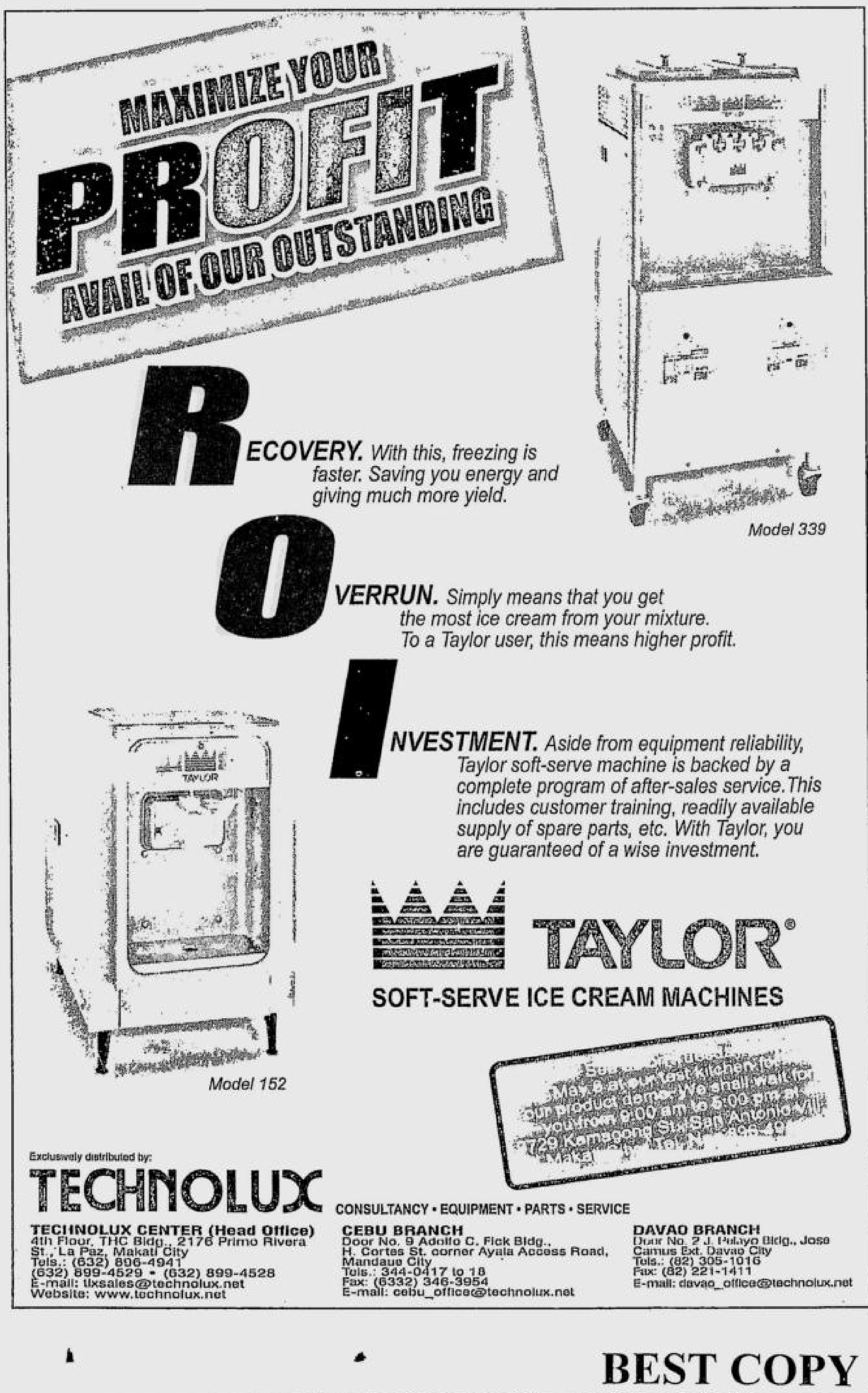

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Bush doctrine alters int'l ties

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who have reinforced their conviction of American invincibility after vanquishing Iraq in the swiftest military victory in the annals of modern warfare.

The triumphalism and swagger of Bush and his neo-conservative coalition in Washington compel us to go back to the Roman triumph in post-Augustan Rome after the Emperor Augustus presided over a long period of "pax Romana" from 27 BC to 14 AD, following the consolidation of the conquests of the Roman Empire.

The militaristic Emperor Trajan (98-117 AD) broke the Augustan peace policy. Trajan sent the Roman legion to crush the Dacians, beyond the Danube. As narrated by Gibbons in the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," Trajan defeated the Dacians swiftly. Then he moved against the Parthians.

Writes Gibbons: "The degenerate Parthians, broken by internecine discord fled before his arms. He descended the river Tigris in triumph, from the mountains of Armenia to the Persian Gulf. He enjoyed the honor of being the first, as he was the last, of the Roman generals who ever navigated that remote sea. His fleets ravaged the coasts of Arabia; and Trajan vainly flattered himself that he was approaching toward the confines of India. Every day, the astonished Senate received the intelligence of new names and new nations that acknowledged his sway."

The Roman legion struck fear at the time. It had military technology—the phalanx—that proved invincible against barbarian hordes. The phalanx, like the US-digital and technology-driven army, was the forerunner of the modern tank and armor.

New Trajan

What was lacking in the "victory jig" of Bush, the new Trajan, on board the Abraham Lincoln was a laurel clipped around his head and a crimson tunic wrapped around his back. After the swift victory in Iraq, all doubts about American hegemony and military superiority have been erased.

In his speech, Bush laid down the lineament of the muscular and martial US foreign policy as it establishes the ground rules of relationship with vanquished enemies or allies who opposed the US invasion of Iraq and resisted being reduced to American vassals, in a new international order.

Bush said, "The Battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on Sept. 11, 2001, and still goes on." He went on: "From Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa, we are hunting down al-Qaida ... Al-Qaida is wounded, not destroyed. The war is not over, yet it is not endless. We do not know the day of final victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide."

Ominous is the declaration that "any outlaw regime that has ties to terrorist groups, and seeks or possesses weapons of mass destruction, is a grave danger to the civilized world, and will be confronted. We are committed to freedom in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and in a peaceful Palestine. The advance of freedom is the surest strategy to undermine the appeal of terror."

This warning may well be addressed to Syria. Coming on the heels of Baghdad's fall, the Bush administration launched a barrage of rhetorical attacks that Syria was giving refuge to wanted Iraqi officials and that it possessed weapons of mass destruction.

It may well be addressed to Iran, which Bush earlier described as part of the "axis of evil," together with Saddam Hussein's Iraq and North Korea, which has contemptuously told the world that it has nuclear arms.

Triumphalism

The United States has the ability of making good its threat. It is in a mood of triumphalism such that it is prepared to discharge its mission under the Bush preemptive war doctrine to topple "rogue" regimes and replace them with a democratic system.

The dangerous aspect of the doctrine is that the United States has assumed, after the military victory in Iraq, the sole right to determine which are "rogue" regimes and to go to war against them unilaterally, unrestrained by the United Nations and international law.

Before the war, Bush, impatient with the opposition by France, Germany and Russia to the invasion of Iraq, arrogantly said that "we really don't need anybody's permission to go to war to protect American interests."

On the question of planting democracy in Iraq and in the Middle East, the American record is not marked with great success. The Philippines, the subject of its first attempt at exporting democracy, is a parody of democracy.

The Bush doctrine and the Iraq war have fundamentally changed international relations. The Bush administration is trying to reshape democracy by using it as an excuse and justification to overthrow regimes and invade nations, which it considers a threat to the United States—not necessarily to democracy or civilization.

Bush amplified the doctrine in his speech on the Abraham Lincoln, tagging Iraq and al-Qaida as the enemies of civilization although the United States has not come up with credible evidence of the links between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden.

Bush's justification of the war with Iraq was the charge that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. With US military controlling Iraq, its forces have not discovered such weapons. The failure to discover these weapons undermines the Bush doctrine.

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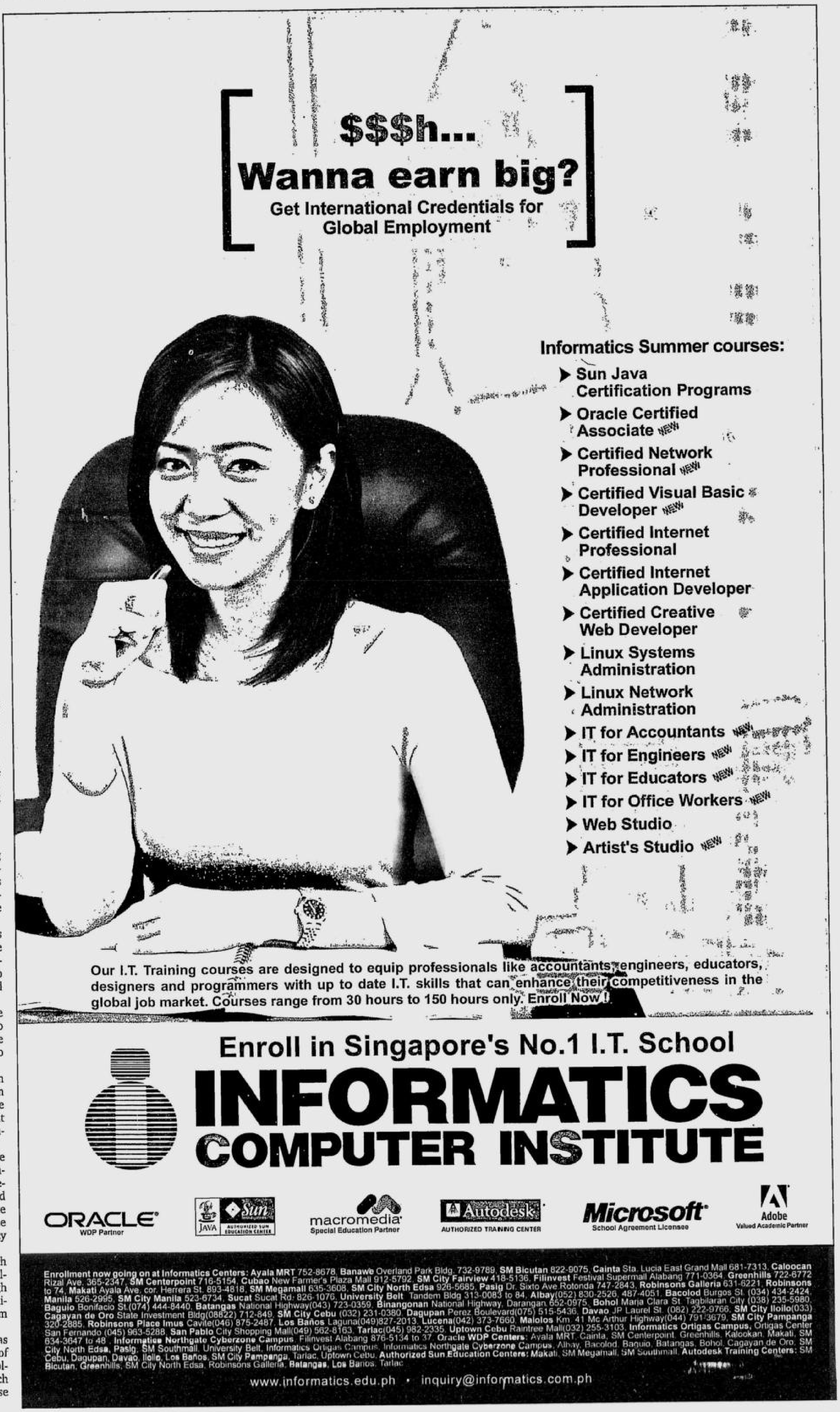

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15,000 quarantined in Beijing; health execs purged

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lated health policies, while five officials in central Anhui's Fuyang city were fired or disciplined for similar violations.

Liu Yuxi, an official of Chaoyang city in northeastern Liaoning province, was sacked for failing to implement quarantine measures and monitoring the return of migrant workers from Beijing, while the head of the People's Hospital in Zhumadian city, Henan province, was also fired.

Even in southern Hainan province, which has not reported any cases of SARS, the head of the health bureau and several hospital directors were sacked or disciplined for failing to implement SARS-prevention measures.

One hundred people have died from SARS in the capital, which has become the epicenter for the disease with at least 1,803 known cases.

China also announced Sunday that elementary and middle schools in Beijing would remain closed for two more weeks to help prevent the spread of SARS, affecting over a million students.

The official Xinhua News Agency said authorities planned to hold correspondence classes for students using TV broadcasts and the Internet. The schools, which were closed about two weeks ago, had been scheduled to reopen on May 7.

Hong Kong

In Hong Kong—the worst hit location outside of China—five more SARS fatalities and eight new cases were reported Sunday, pushing the toll there to 184 deaths and 1,629 infections.

Hong Kong health officials have also hospitalized 10 crew members of a Malaysian cargo ship that anchored off the territory Sunday morning.

The ship master reported to Hong Kong port authorities that sick crew members, all from India, had shown SARS-like symptoms including a cough, fever and aching joints.

"Medical staff took the temperatures of all 24 crew members but none of them were found to have any fever," Assistant Director of Health Carrie Lai told reporters.

"However, in the past few days 10 of the crew members had been suffering from symptoms including fever, a dry cough and aching joints and muscles. Right now their condition is satisfactory but they have previously taken antibiotics and medication to reduce their fevers," Lai added.

It was not possible to confirm whether or not they had SARS yet, she stressed. But 14 other crew members were ordered to stay in quarantine for 10 days aboard the ship, which was moored off an uninhabited Hong Kong island on Sunday morning.

The ship, Bunga Belawis Satu, which departed from Bangkok on April 28, was believed to have also visited several other ports in the region, including Singapore.

SARS deaths and infections elsewhere appear to be stabilizing. Singapore and Taiwan reported one new SARS death each on Sunday, bringing their totals to 26 and eight, respectively. Singaporean officials said they had included one non-SARS related fatality on its death toll.

In Taiwan, two reporters from Hong Kong Next magazine's Taiwan edition who were placed in quarantine for two weeks after pretending to be SARS patients face a penalty of up to three years in jail for gathering news from a hospital closed because of the SARS epidemic.

The two, whose names were not revealed, pretended to be patients and stayed with about 1,100 medical staff and patients when the Taipei Municipal Hospital was ordered closed, the Taipei city government said.

The reporters were uncovered when they sneaked from the hospital's A building to its B building, which housed patients with SARS, a city government official said.

Taipei's mayor also warned on Sunday that violators of quarantine orders will be punished after a high school student who broke quarantine to attend a tutoring school became ill with SARS-like symptoms, forcing the school's closure.

"Home quarantine is a serious matter," Taiwan Mayor Ma Ying-jeou said. "We will not allow anyone to ignore the order. They must be punished."

More than 14,000 Taiwanese have been ordered quarantined at home.

Two doctors from the World Health Organization arrived in Taiwan to help the island cope with its worsening SARS outbreak after China's government put aside politics and agreed to the visit. The number of suspected SARS cases in Taiwan has tripled in the past 10 days to 113, including eight deaths. *Reports from AFP and AP*

Lina on the way out as DILG chief?

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source, who requested anonymity, said the search was on to find a replacement for Lina.

But in a teleconference yesterday with Malacañang reporters, presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye repeated the Palace's official line: "The President has not given any indication that Secretary Lina will be removed from the DILG."

Bunye noted that President Macapagal-Arroyo herself "categorically stated" before a recent gathering of barangay officials "that Secretary Lina would be staying put at his post."

But the source said Malacañang has already sounded out Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza on possibly replacing Lina.

But Mendoza, the source said, "expressed preference to remain at DOTC in order to complete pending major projects like the Naia 3, for example."

The talk about Lina is swirling at the same time that former justice chief Hernando Perez is reported to make a comeback to the Cabinet and replace Mendoza at the DOTC, and Press Secretary Hernani Braganza has gone on leave for "health reasons."

Perez told the INQUIRER last Monday that he was not interested in another appointive post. The President has already rejected Braganza's offer to resign, but the rumors persist.

Yesterday, the source said: "Yes, there is a search for a new DILG secretary because Lina is not making big strides in the anti-crime and gambling fronts," the source said.

"There is pressure being felt within the Palace to take Lina out of the DILG because of perceptions that he has not been delivering on major areas like peace and order, and the anti-illegal gambling drive," the source added.

Asked about Lina's fate in the Cabinet, the source said: "He might be given another post."

But Bunye, when he was asked for an assessment of Lina's performance in the anti-jueteng drive, replied: "There are some gains made in some areas, there are some setbacks."

Lina was indisposed as of press time yesterday. He was said to be in final rehearsals for the "Three Tenors" concert today with MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando and Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes.

But Angel Tugado, Lina's spokesperson, said his fate in the Cabinet was an old issue that had already been answered by the President herself.

Tugado quoted Lina as saying: "I serve at the pleasure of the President."

He added: "Since Day One, gambling lords have been out to get him. They have mounted vicious, ruthless and unrelenting campaign to oust him from his post." *With a report from Andrea Trinidad, contributor*

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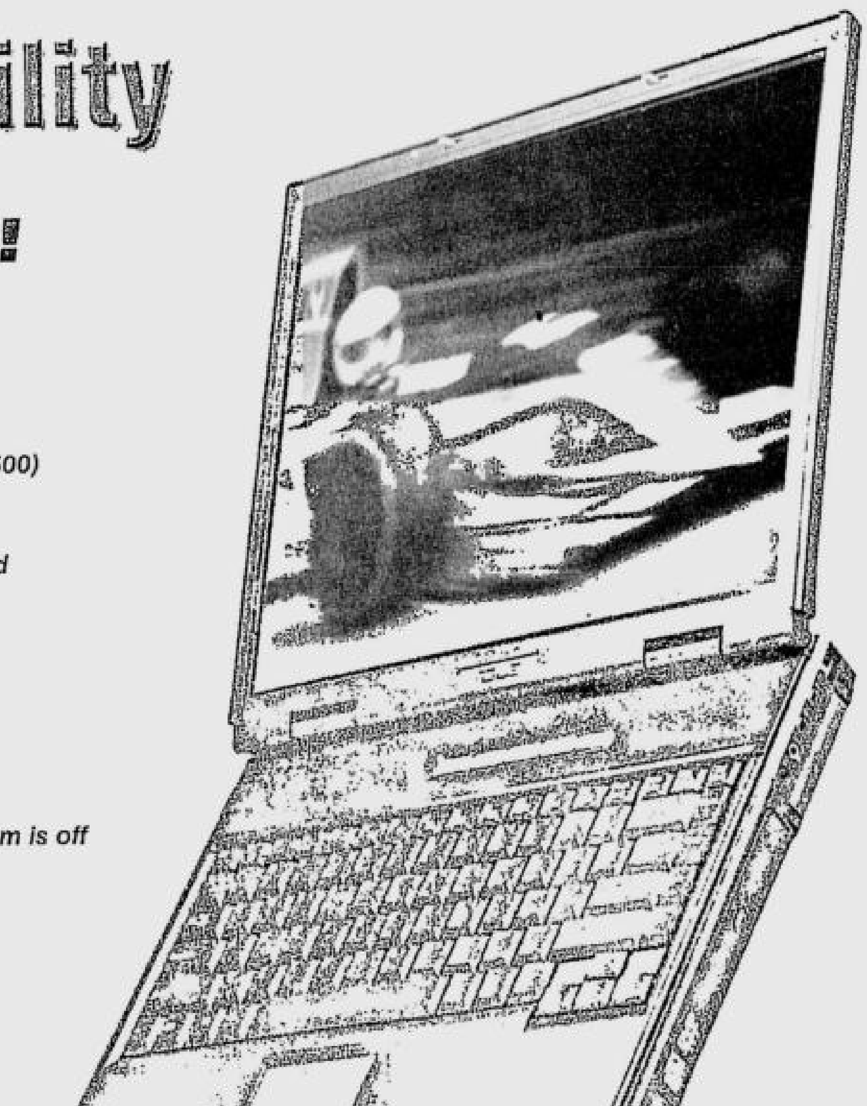

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Aussie seeks moratorium on Bt corn

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

AN AUSTRALIAN legislator has suggested a moratorium on the sale and distribution of genetically engineered or Bt corn in the country, as the hunger strike by anti-GMO (genetically modified organisms) activists at the Department of Agriculture entered its third week.

Sen. Bob Brown of the Australian Greens party has written Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo expressing "grave concern" about the Philippine government's approval of the sale of Monsanto's Yieldgard Bt Corn, a genetically modified variety that produces its own pesticide against corn borers.

Brown urged Lorenzo to place an immediate moratorium on the use and distribution of GMO foods in the country.

Brown cited the experience of the Australian state of Tazmania, which imposed a five-year moratorium on the introduction of all GMO foods due to "impacts such genetically engineered crops would have on Tazmania's reputation in the global export market."

The hunger strikers, led by Obet Versola of the Philippine Greens, welcomed Brown's proposal.

Versola said such a moratorium could always be reversed, although the hunger strikers are demanding the total ban of GMO crops in the country.

Versola and three other environmentalists vowed to continue their hunger strike until Lorenzo reverses the government approval on the commercial use of Bt corn in the country.

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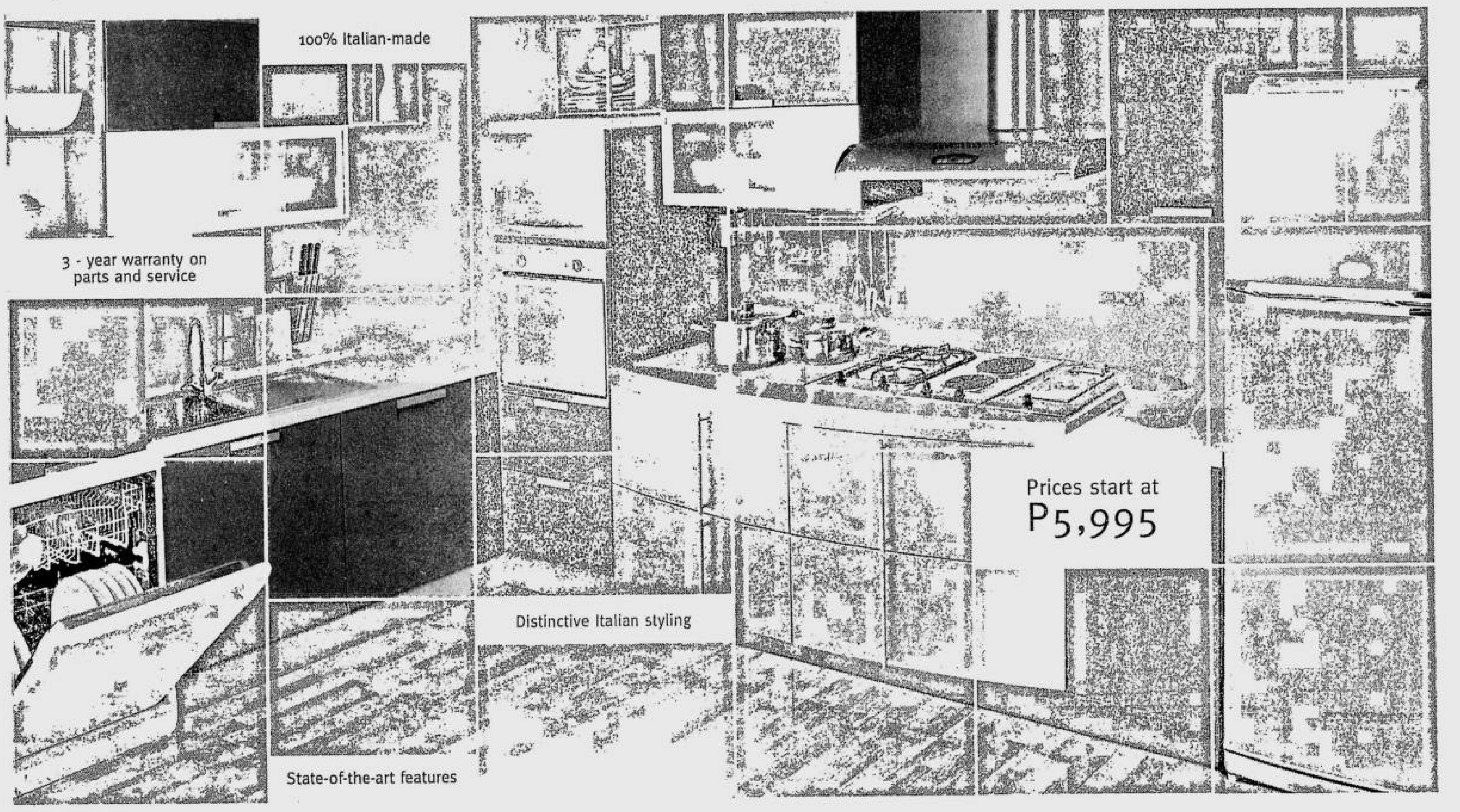
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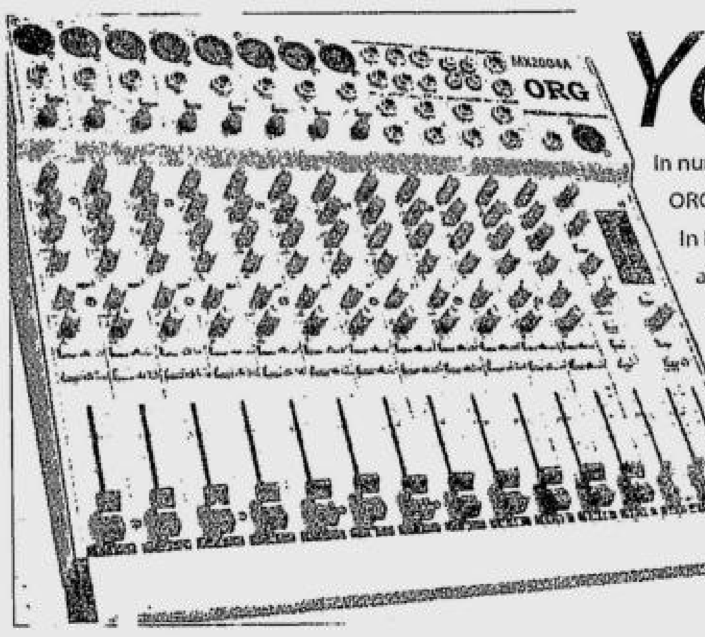
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Dagupan seeks longest grill record

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1-km grill party was held.

Speaker Jose de Venecia described the rain as "a blessing" because it came when farming areas in Pangasinan were becoming parched because of the El Niño phenomenon.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, De Venecia and Lim led the ceremonial lighting of the grill at 5:15 p.m. About 15 minutes later, the *bangus* (milkfish), which were earlier distributed to participants, were simultaneously placed on the grill.

While the fish were being cooked, members of the documentation team aboard a helicopter, vans and motorbikes recorded the event on video and still cameras.

At 6:30 p.m., the heavy rain dispersed the cooks and thousands of people who came to witness the spectacle.

"We have beaten Peru," an optimistic Lim told reporters a day after the barbecue party. The grill measured 1,007.5 meters, according to the organizers. Peru holds the record for the longest barbecue at 603 meters.

The city government still has to submit the documents to the Guinness offices in London for validation.

Lim said they sought the help of Marikina City officials on the procedures for vying for a Guinness record. Marikina made a bid for Guinness' biggest shoe record recently.

"They [Marikina officials] taught us how to do it, so we communicated with [the Guinness offices in] London and they gave us all the forms and we followed the procedures required," Lim said.

The city, he said, paid an entry fee of 600 pounds (P50,532).

Lim said the city would submit the *bangus* grill's documentation to Guinness next week and expected the official evaluation results after 45 days.

Compared to last year's street party, which was marred by missing charcoal and *bangus*, and gaps in the kilometer-long grill, this year's affair was better prepared and more systematic.

The grills lined the stretch of AB Fernandez Street as early as 2 p.m. Saturday. At grill No. 603, a banner proclaimed, "Goodbye, Peru!" referring to the Peru record of 603 meters.

Last year, the city tried to break the existing record but since the event was not properly documented, the city government decided not to submit the event's documentation.

Lim said the Guinness bid was one of the ways to promote the city as a tourist destination.

"It is more of tourism promotion. The next project [is to come up with tour] packages so that people will come not only during the *bangus* festival, but on weekends. There will be tour packages like the actual *gilon-gilon* (harvest), the beaches, fresh seafood and other interesting places like the MacArthur Park, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Center and, eventually, our fish processing plant," Lim said.

Giant cigar

In Isabela, farmers and residents of the capital town of Ilagan paraded a six-foot-long rolled tobacco cigar on Sunday as part of the celebrations of the 147th founding anniversary of the province and 317th Ilagan foundation day.

The giant cigar was displayed at the provincial capitol compound and later turned over to Gov. Faustino Dy Jr.

"We are depicting here the rich history of Ilagan, as well as Isabela. But we are not doing this to promote smoking, which is bad for our health," said Ilagan Mayor Delfinito Albano.

Albano said the tobacco industry helped propel Isabela's economy during the Spanish period.

Also on Sunday, the giant *botaka* (native armchair) was unveiled in front of the provincial capitol. Made of narra and woven rattan, the seat was officially recorded at 11 feet high, 21 feet long and 9.5 feet wide.

Furniture makers in Barangays Alinguigan 2nd and 3rd spent 29 days to create the *botaka*. Local officials reportedly spent P167,000 for the project. ***With a report from Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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Too little room for comfort for non-SARS cases in RITM

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"It's not that they're not our priority anymore," Olveda told the INQUIRER yesterday. "We had to do it to protect them from getting infected with SARS."

At the hospital entrance, security guards screen patients and instruct them to proceed to specific areas for treatment.

Those who fear they have been infected with SARS are directed to the emergency room and then to the isolation ward.

Dog bite patients are made to wait in four tents before they are treated at the animal clinic, according to Olveda.

Malaria patients are admitted to RITM but are immediately transferred to other government hospitals, he said.

"We hope they'll understand," he said. "We'll go back to normal (procedures) once this SARS problem is over."

Segregation

Olveda said the segregation would enable doctors and other medical personnel to effectively attend to SARS patients.

Before March 18, the day the Department of Health began actively monitoring the spread of the mysterious disease in the country, Olveda said the RITM had an average of 3,000 dog bite patients monthly.

Hospitals, including the RITM, handle an average of 100,000 cases yearly, he said.

People going to the RITM for various skin infections also number around 3,000 monthly. Skin infection cases treated there have dropped substantially since the facility began focusing on suspected SARS patients, Olvedo said.

Despite the shift in focus, the hospital could not admit more than 50 SARS patients, especially in case of an outbreak, Dr. Beatriz Quiambao, head of the RITM SARS committee, said.

"We definitely cannot work beyond our capacity," she told reporters last week.

The 35-bed ward actually has 50 beds, including isolation rooms, she said. But packing the ward with too many patients, she said, would facilitate the spread of the deadly disease.

21 crewmen can't leave cargo ship

BACOLOD CITY—The 21 crew members of an international cargo ship that arrived in Pulupandan town in Negros Occidental from China last week were prevented from leaving their vessel by immigration authorities as a precaution against the spread of SARS.

Mita Chuvy Arguelles, alien control officer, said the Panama-registered MV Ansac Orient docked at the Visayan Trading Corp. port on Thursday night to pick up 25 metric tons of raw sugar bound for the United States.

The vessel has a crew of two Koreans and 19 Vietnamese. It came from Shengzhen, China. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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22 killed in MILF raid on Zambo town

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independently confirmed as of press time last night.

Kabalu said the rebels would keep attacking unless officials meet their demands, including the return of a captured MILF camp, the withdrawal of criminal charges against rebel leaders and government recognition of their camps.

"We hit where the enemy is weak," Kabalu told The Associated Press by telephone. "Our commanders assessed that weakness in Siocon and surprised them."

The MILF's Ustadz Sharif Julabbi said Commander Akidim Abdussalam of the 403rd MILF Brigade in Western Mindanao led the attack.

Kabalu told the INQUIRER that the MILF's objective was to cripple the 44th IB and the police station.

Hostages abducted

The AFP was able to recover most of the 13 civilian hostages, including Mayor Soriano's wife Perliza and their daughters—Nicole, 7, and Paika, 3 months old. Initial reports indicated at least 20 were kidnapped, but the number was later revised to 13.

Fleeing pursuing troops, the rebels withdrew into the forest taking four captives with them, officials said.

Military operations were continuing to recover the remaining captives, while those rescued appeared to be in "good condition," Lucero said.

Southcom chief Maj. Gen. Roy Kyamko said one of the hostages was Constantino Soriano, a brother of the mayor.

But Kabalu said the MILF was not targeting the Soriano family, "because Cesar is very close to us, he is one of our special friends."

The rebels had withdrawn to the edges of the town, but sporadic clashes were still ongoing.

"There is still fighting, but we have sent additional troops. Key installations are now secured by government forces and the rebels with their hostages are heading to a mountainous area," Lucero said.

He charged that the rebels had been extorting money from Siocon residents, many of whom make a living by panning for gold in the mineral-rich area.

There have been previous attacks in the town after the villagers refused to hand over money.

Siocon is considered by the military as one of the hotbeds of Moro insurgency in the province.

The Zamboanga del Norte Revolutionary State Committee of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) has a camp in the town that is recognized by the government.

Soriano calls Siocon a "paradise" because it has vast tracts of rice fields, and rich seas.

The gold-rich mountain in Barangay Canatuan has also become the battleground of small-scale miners allegedly supported by the mayor and already mining in the area, and TVI Philippines, a Canadian mining firm which holds a Mining Production Sharing Agreement issued by the government.

Hundreds of rebels

Edgar Baling, consultant of the Canadian-funded Local Government Support Program (LGSP) which has a project in the area, said hundreds of rebels simultaneously descended on the municipal hall, the police station, the Siocon District Hospital and the public market.

The rebels failed to overrun the town hall, which is adjacent to the police station, when several policemen defended the seat of government.

Baling identified the three policemen who died in the exchange of fire as Nestor Dizon, who died at Siocon district Hospital, Jongjong Cardenas and a certain Tomboc.

"This is a classic case of terrorism," Lucero said. "They're creating an atmosphere of helplessness among the defenseless populace."

The attack came less than a day after Norberto Gonzales, presidential adviser on special concerns, announced that government and MILF negotiators would meet again this month to explore the possibility of resuming the formal peace negotiations.

Gonzales said Malaysia had agreed to host the second round of exploratory talks on May 9-11, where government and MILF negotiators would try to settle "very contentious issues brought about by some misunderstanding over the text of the March 29 exploratory meeting."

Ghazali Jaafar, MILF political affairs chief, also said the MILF would be sending delegates to the exploratory talks. *With reports from AP, Reuters and AFP*

'I thought they were fireworks'

DIPOLOG CITY—Because it was the town fiesta last Saturday, Nino Codoy thought the sounds he heard after midnight were merely those of left-over firecrackers.

"I thought they were delayed fireworks," he told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Nino reached home and was already asleep when his mother Hermenigilda woke him up and asked him to check on the sounds, which had not let up.

"That was when we learned that Siocon was being attacked," he said.

The Codoys hid at the back of their house; that was where a rocket-propelled grenade hit them.

Nino, 21, was wounded in the left arm. Year-old Clark Avery Codoy suffered a head wound. Marites and Cesar Codoy were wounded. But Clark's grandfather, Nicolas, was killed. *Lullie A. Micabalo and Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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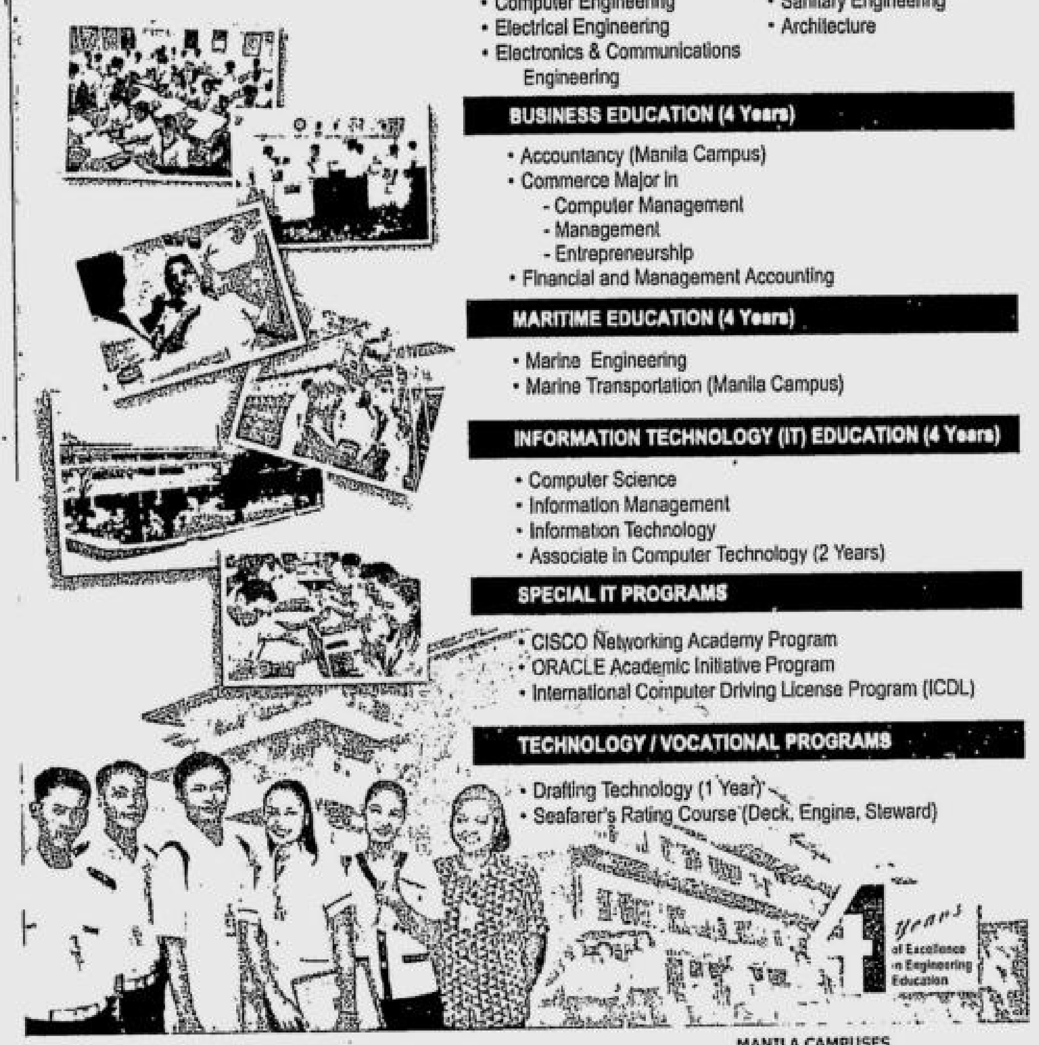
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SARS SCARE

Atienza objects to teachers' plea to delay school opening

By Jerome Aning and Christian Esguerra

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza on Saturday objected to the proposal of teachers' groups and local officials to postpone the opening of classes for at least two months, or until authorities have contained the spread of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) in the country.

"Resetting the opening of classes is too much a price to pay for a situation that does not warrant such as decision ... To me it's an overreaction," Atienza said in the radio program "Mayor Mo, Kasama Ko" over radio station dzBB.

Atienza said the SARS situation in the Philippines is not as grave as it is in places like Hong Kong, China and Singapore.

"There is not much danger of a SARS epidemic in the country to warrant a reset (of the opening of school)," Atienza said. "We still have a month before the opening of classes and enough time to bolster preventive measures against SARS."

The mayor said the national government, particularly health and airport authorities, are doing well in containing SARS cases.

Also, Metro Manila residents are set to receive massive supplies of vitamins and disinfectants, as part of the government's campaign against SARS.

The items will be handed out for free in the coming weeks, said Pasay Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad, spokesperson of the Metro Manila Mayors League.

Trinidad said local government units tapped their calamity funds to provide the necessary supplies to the people.

"Our people have to be healthy and clean to keep them safe from this deadly virus," Trinidad told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Towns which might not be able to afford the distribution, would receive fund support from other LGUs, the mayor said. "That's what richer cities are for."

Mayors, Trinidad said, would also tap the services of around 26,000 newly trained village watchers to help the Department of Health monitor SARS cases in the barangay level.

JUSTO. UKON TAKAYAMA
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THE statue of Japanese feudal lord Takayama Ukon stands in Plaza Dilao, Paco, Manila.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

Manila honors an exiled nobleman

By Jerome Aning

AT THE Plaza Dilao in Paco, Manila stands a monument of exiled Japanese feudal lord Takayama Ukon.

Erected in 1978, it serves as a reminder that in the 17th century, the Japanese came here not as invaders, tourists, or investors, but as religious exiles.

On Dec. 21, 1614, about a hundred Japanese Christians led by Ukon, a daimyo or feudal lord, arrived in Manila to seek religious asylum.

The exiles had fled from the wrath of the mighty shogun Hideyoshi, who was persecuting Christians in Japan.

Owing to his noble status and prestige, Ukon and his companions were given a royal welcome by the Spanish authorities.

Ukon was born in about 1552 in the mountain village of Takayama, the oldest son of daimyo Takayama Zusho, lord of Sawa Castle, in the province of Sattu. He was rigorously trained in the martial arts so that he would grow up to be a formidable warrior or samurai.

In 1563, Ukon's family was converted to Christianity by a Jesuit missionary. His father assumed the Christian name Dario, and Ukon was christened Justo, after Saint Justus.

When Hideyoshi adopted an anti-Christian policy, Ukon and his family, and more than 300 Japanese Christians left Japan on Nov. 8, 1614 from Nagasaki. Two boats sailed for Macau; the third, which sailed to Luzon, had on board Ukon, Juan Tokuan Naito, another nobleman and religious women led by Naito's younger sister Julia, prioress of a Kyoto-based convent.

The group settled in the district of San Miguel, which was then located at the southern bank of the Pasig River. They were placed under the spiritual administration of the Jesuits.

Ukon's monument stands at the Plaza Dilao in Paco, site of the first Japanese community in Manila which Nick Joaquin romantically dubbed "Dilao of the Nipponese." The Japanese have settled in Dilao, initially a trading post, since the pre-Hispanic times.

Ukon is shown in the statue wearing warrior robes, and his hair tied in a knot at the top of his head. He is carrying a sword that is pointed downward, upon which hangs a figure of the crucified Christ.

Ikehata Setsuo and Lydia N. Yu Jose, in "Philippines-Japan Relations" regard Ukon not only as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between the Catholic communities in Japan and the Philippines but also as a reminder that Christianity holds a special place in relations between the two countries.

Raid in Talayan

By Jerome Aning

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation agents on Thursday seized about P10 million worth of fake Warner Bros, Mattel and Sanrio products during a raid in Quezon City.

The stockrooms and sales office of Pro-bag and Hergo Industries, located in Talayan Village, yielded 10,342 pieces of counterfeit backpacks and trolleys bearing the logos of Warner, Mattel (Barbie) and Sanrio.

NBI men also seized 87,897 pieces of fake shirts bearing the trademarks of the three firms.

After they secured a search warrant from Judge Jose G. Paneda of the QC Regional Trial Court, members of the NBI's intellectual property rights division raided the firm of Herbert S. Go, based on a complaint they received from Zetetic (Far East), the intellectual property rights representatives of Mattel, Sanrio and Warner.

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At 248 pounds, the 6-foot-9 Taulava posted 30 points and 14 rebounds, his 11th straight double-double this conference, as Talk N Text downed Coca-Cola, 91-87, last night in the Samsung PBA All-Filipino Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

And, the scary thing is Taulava, whose weight previously hovers from 265-270 pounds, feels he can do even better.

"I made a lot of mistakes but I made some crucial shots. It's not that spectacular but I feel I have more to give if I could lessen my turnovers," said Taulava, who registered a triple-double (17 points, 18 rebounds, 10 assists) in Talk N Text's 89-88 come-from-behind triumph over Alaska Milk last Wednesday.

With the Fil-Tongan at the helm and Joel Banal as the head coach, the Phone Pals have won their last five games to climb to a 9-5 card.

The Tigers saw their two-game run broken and fell to 7-6.

The victory also snapped Talk N Text's seven-game losing spell against Chot Reyes-mentored teams.

"We're aware that this team has lost its seventh straight to Chot Reyes, including one when I first coached so it's really a big confidence booster for us," said Banal.

Shell subdued Alaska Milk, 89-83, in the second game to catch up with Barangay Ginebra at 4-10. Alaska dropped to 8-7. *Roy Luarca*

More sports on A25-A32

Malabon folk alarmed over political impasse

By Tina Santos

RESIDENTS of Malabon City are alarmed over the events developing in City Hall, saying that they are the ones who are greatly affected by the power struggle between Mayor Amado Vicencio and Vice Mayor Mark Allan Jay Yambao.

Both men have expressed their intention to run the city's affairs, but Malabon residents fear that chaos would result if one or the other would refuse to step down.

"They should all get down to work and set aside politics," jeepney driver Geri Alfon said. "The people are the ones who would suffer."

Housewife Mila Santa Maria is hoping that "one of them would give way."

Yambao became acting mayor of Malabon on April 24, after Malacañang issued a 60-day preventive suspension order against Vicencio for his involvement in the allegedly anomalous purchase of a property in Navotas worth P88 million.

But a week after the Department of Interior and Local Government served the suspension order to Vicencio, the Court of Appeals issued a Temporary Restraining Order lifting the suspension.

Armed with the TRO, Vicencio barged into City Hall on Thursday to reclaim his post.

VICENCIO

YAMBAO

But Yambao refused to budge, saying that he is the legally recognized authority in the city.

Yambao has ordered the police to secure City Hall premises after authorities arrested on Friday a Patrick Santos, 32, who allegedly ordered utility man Jason Legaspi, to open the City Hall, which was padlocked on Yambao's order.

Police said Legaspi had opened the lock with a bolt cutter.

Santos, said to be an administrative assistant of Vicencio, told police he asked Legaspi to open the city hall because he had some work to finish.

Supporters of both Vicencio and Yambao have expressed confusion, wondering whose authority they should recognize.

"We are the ones greatly affected by politics here," said a 43-year-old city hall secretary. "I hope they get to resolve this as soon as possible."

A female clerk claimed that "people here in City Hall do not know whose orders to follow."

Even the police are confused.

Officer-in-charge Supt. Benjamin Cabiltes, who replaced Malabon police chief Supt. Pedro Ramos last Friday, admitted that he did not understand the issue and was sent to his new post at short notice.

City police officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Ramos was sacked because he was Vicencio's ally.

Northern Police District Office director Senior Supt. Marcelino Franco Jr. had told the INQUIRER last week that Yambao had requested Ramos to be replaced.

According to Franco, Yambao said that he wants to work with a police chief that he knows and is comfortable with.

But Yambao had denied making the request and told the INQUIRER that Ramos' term had ended so he was replaced.

In reclaiming his city hall office, Vicencio said that he was just obeying the ruling of the Court of Appeals.

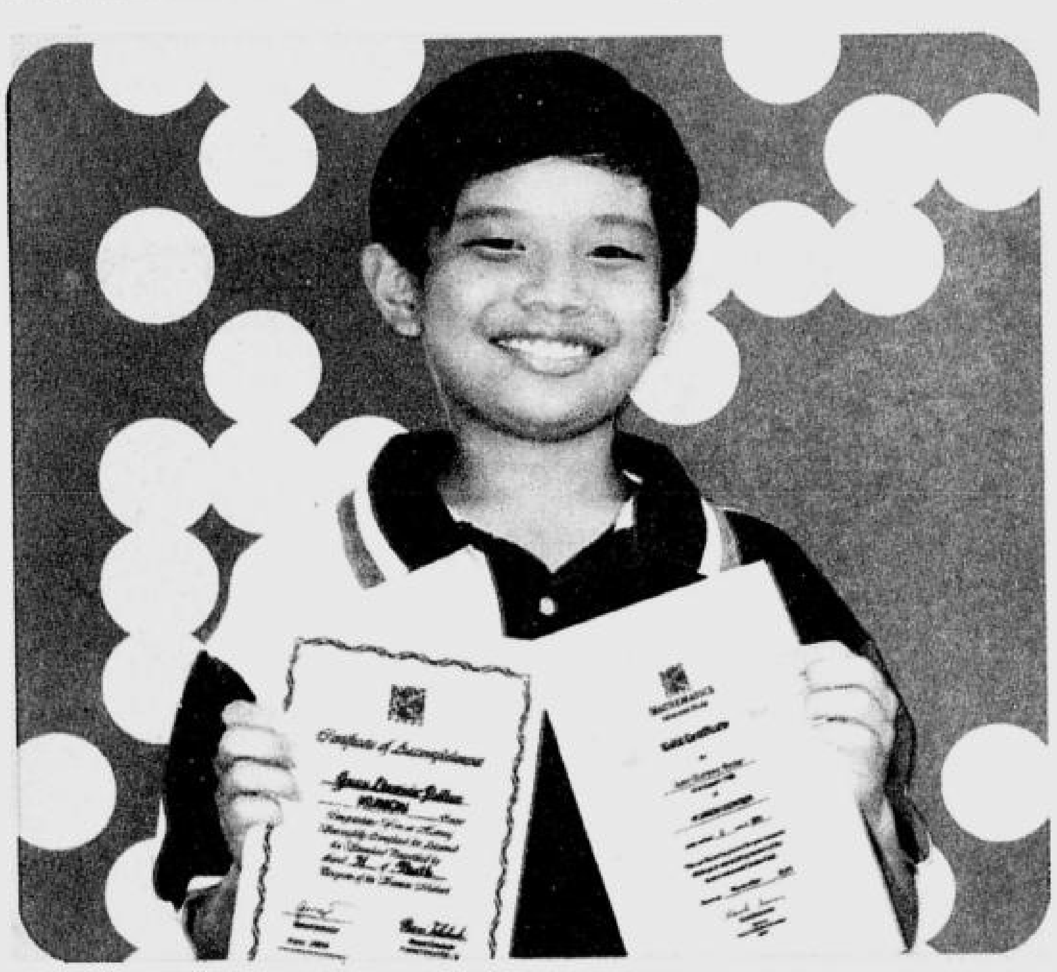
"I have to do this or I might be accused of dereliction of duty," Vicencio said.

"It was the CA, through the power of the TRO, that had ordered me to reassume my post," Vicencio said. "I am just following orders. Had the court denied my petition, I would also respect it. I hope they (Yambao's camp) would also do the same thing, obey the court's order."

The CA's Special 9th Division chaired by Justice Mercedes Gozo-Dadole issued the TRO.

For his part, Yambao has vowed to stay in the mayor's office.

"I'm just waiting for the DILG order since it is the (implementing) body that designated me acting mayor. The order for me to step down should also come from them. In the meantime, I would continue doing my job (as acting mayor)."



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Camp Aguinaldo wants LTO out of its backyard

By Martin Marfil

THE LAND Transportation Office center in Camp Aguinaldo has been given an eviction notice despite a 1979 Memorandum of Agreement establishing it inside the premises.

The LTO center, which was envisioned to facilitate registration of military vehicles, had been given until June 28 to vacate the premises.

Navy Capt. Tirso Danga, the camp commander, issued the order, citing "security" as the reason. He told defense reporters that it was too risky having civilians enter the camp to register their vehicles.

Camp Aguinaldo is the headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Under the 1979 MOA signed by the late AFP chief of staff Gen. Romeo Espino and former Land Transportation Commission chief Romeo Edu, an LTC mobile registration unit shall be established inside Camp Aguinaldo.

Under the MOA, it was also said that any amendment to the agreement may be made only with the mutual consent of both parties, the AFP chief of staff and the office of the LTO chief.

Manila cops seek Napolcom help for their promotion

By Philip Tubeza

MANILA policemen are turning to the National Police Commission to secure their promotion, which they said they earned when they defended Malacañang during the so-called Edsa 3 uprising.

SPO4 Antonio Emmanuel, a vice president of Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association Inc., said his group has filed a position paper before the Napolcom, questioning the Philippine National Police's proposed policy to ban the "double promotion" of an officer within half a year.

Emmanuel said his fellow policemen are hoping that the Napolcom would act positively on their paper.

On Saturday, Director Jose Lalisan, PNP director for personnel and records management, said the PNP is standing pat on its decision to adopt the policy.

He said the May 1 performance of Manila policemen had already been factored in their regular promotion.

Lalisan said that to get another promotion right away, the protesting policemen would need to perform another meritorious act.

But Emmanuel said yesterday that the policemen who would be affected by the policy applied for regular promotions individually.

He said policemen get "regular promotions" based on "how long a policeman has had his rank" and how he performs in the required exam and training.

Emmanuel said the policemen's May 1 defense should not have been "factored in" their regular promotions.

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No feud–Adducul

By Dennis U. Eroa

NO, they aren't feuding as being peddled by nosy fans.

The truth is they respect each other so much that parting ways is out of the question.

Romel Adducul, whose entry to the PBA via Ginebra San Miguel at the start of the year was heard round the local sporting world, yesterday brushed aside speculations that he is at odds with Barangay Ginebra coach Allan Caidic due to his lack of playing time.

"Talks about our rift aren't true. Just because we're losing doesn't mean that the team is fragmented," the 27-year-old Adducul told the INQUIRER in an exclusive interview.

Rumors of the Caidic-Adducul feud surfaced following Ginebra's scrambling showing in the ongoing Samsung PBA All-Filipino Cup.

Caidic blamed lack of chemistry, not the sudden dip in Adducul's form, for the Kings' misfortunes. He said he had asked the 6-foot-5 Tuguegarao workhorse only to polish his offense.

A member of the Victory Christian Fellowship, Adducul said he was happy that Caidic had talked to him and pointed out the flaws in his game.

"I respect coach Allan. By telling me to improve my game, he showed that he cared a lot for my improvement," Adducul said.

He added he still needs to know Caidic personally to communicate better with him. "I used to read his exploits as a player, but I'm still in the process of knowing him better. As a coach, he's approachable."

Like Caidic and Ginebra's die-hard followers, Adducul is disappointed with his form.

"Fans expected a lot from me. It's understandable considering that I came to the league with a winning background," said Adducul.

He blamed lack of focus for his failure to dominate. Observers noted that Adducul's lack of perimeter game is proving to be a drawback when he's pitted against bigger and stronger players.

Welcoat's Leo Austria, Adducul's mentor before he turned pro last January, shared this observation.

"He's struggling right now but wait till he gets back in the groove. Romel is not new to this kind of situation," Austria, the PBA's 1985 rookie of the year and owner of three PBL titles as a coach, said.

As an amateur, Adducul was the main man, his teammates dying to give him the ball to make the winning bucket.

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Juicers guard redeems himself

GAME TODAY *(Albano Sports Coliseum, Cabagan, Isabela)*
7 p.m.—North vs. South
(Rising Stars Exhibition)

By Dennis U. Eroa

PLAYMAKER Chico Lanete, who lost a game for his team in Lipa City Friday, redeemed himself yesterday by sinking the big shots that lifted Nutri-licious to a thrilling, 63-61 win over Blu Star Detergent in the Sunkist PBL Unity Cup.

The 5-foot-9 Lanete bucked the jeering crowd as he canned two charities off a foul by Eric de la Cuesta 4.2 seconds left as the Juicers ended their elimination round campaign on a high note at the San Juan gym.

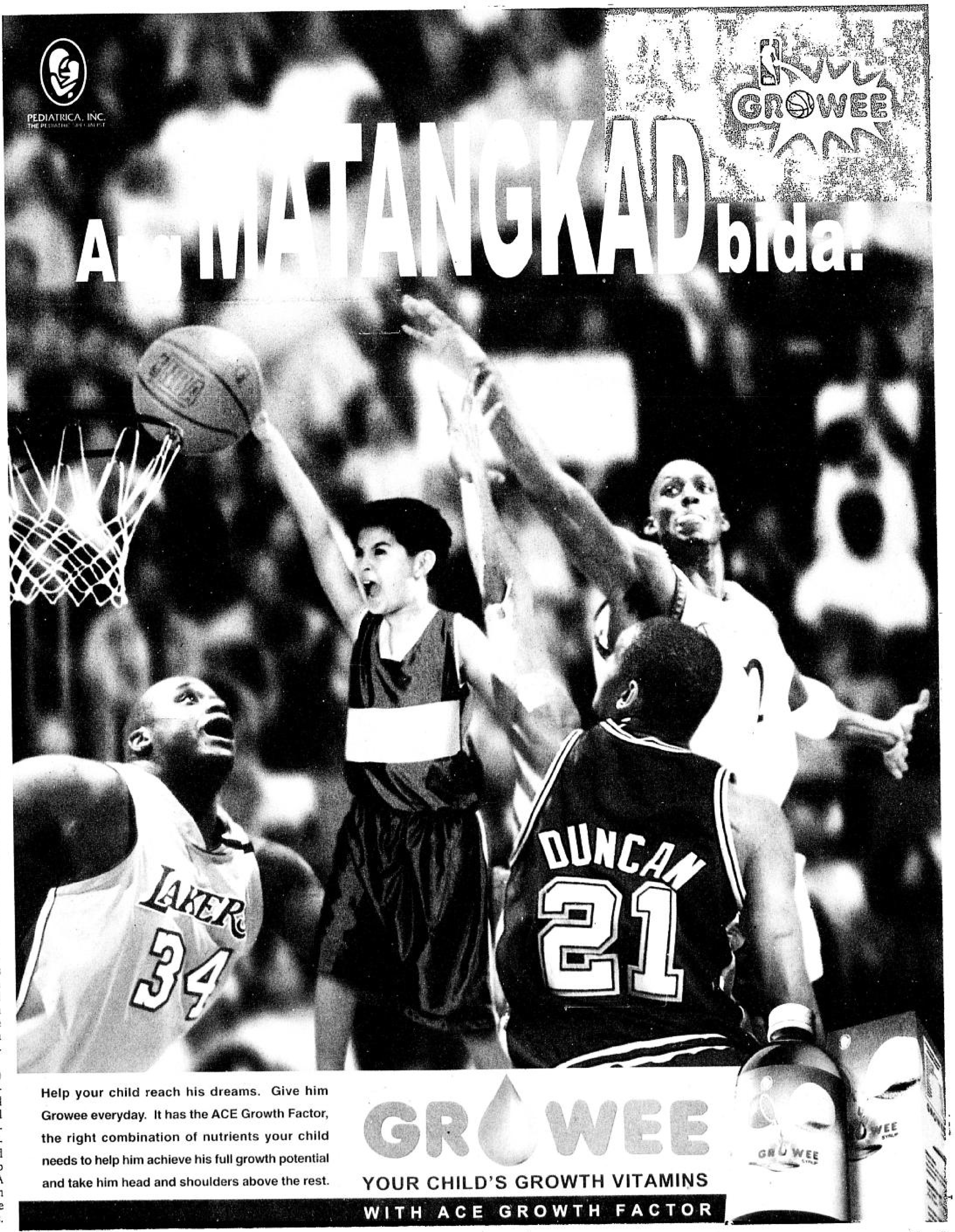
"I wasn't able to sleep very well after losing in Lipa because I had let my team down. This win is going to bring back my confidence," said Lanete.

In Lipa, Nutri-licious was ahead, 76-75, when Lanete made a hideous mistake, fouling LBC-Batangas' counterpart Froilan Baguion immediately in the return play which cost the Juicers the game. He also failed to set up the Juicers' final offensive thrust as they lost, 78-76 against Blades.

The 23-year-old Lanete was a collegiate star toiling in Isabela, a town in the strife-torn province of Basilan, when he was spotted by Manila-based agents five years ago.

Lanete made his mark as Lyceum's main-guy in the NCRAA wars and briefly saw action for the now disbanded Pharmaquick team in the PBL last year, before being taken by coach Monel Kallos into Nutri-licious.

Nutri-licious (4-6) thus joined ICTSI-Archers (4-6) and Blu Star (3-7) in Pool B of the quarterfinals. The top team after the single round robin in this group must beat the Pool A topnotcher twice in order to enter the four-team semifinals.



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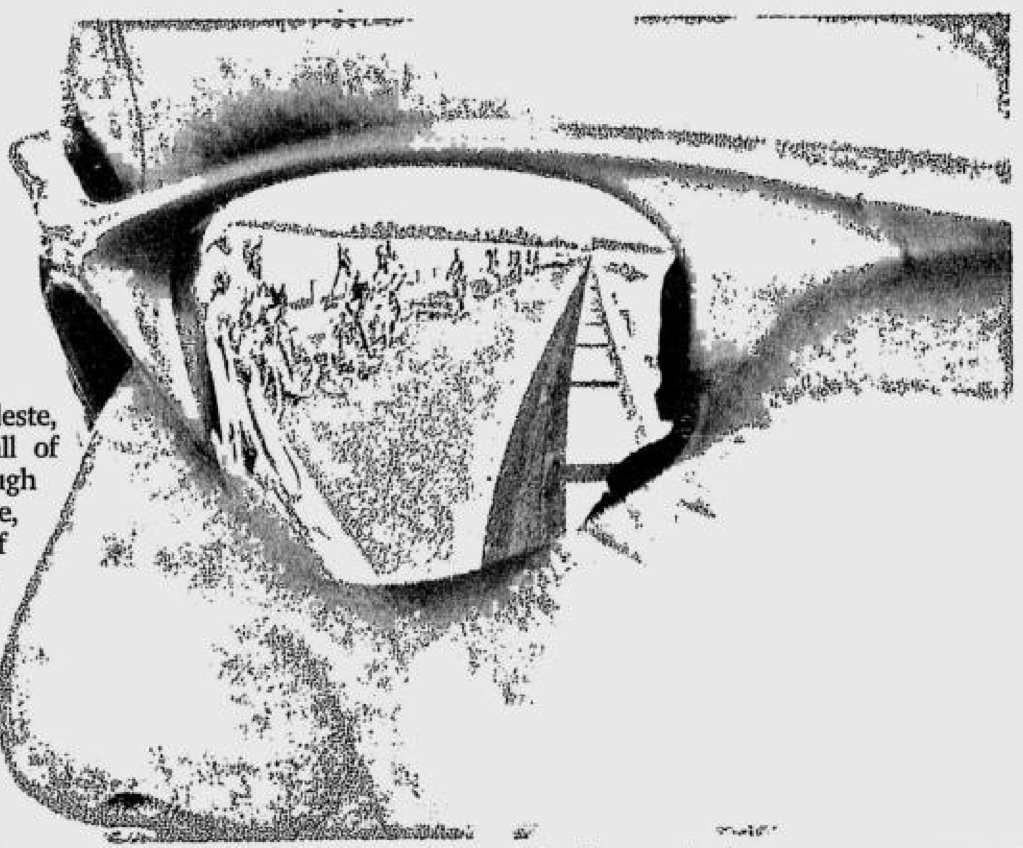
Tour veteran shows he's not over the hill



FANCY EYE wear reflects the images of cyclists zooming by. VAL HANDUMON

ICE COOLED Celeste pedals to the finish in yesterday's eighth lap. VAL HANDUMON

By June Navarro

DAGUPAN CITY—Felix Celeste, who couldn't resist the call of multi-stage cycling although he's now based in Rome, broke into the elite circle of lap winners yesterday even as Merculio Ramos and Arnel Quirimit kept their 1-2 positions in the Tour Pilipinas 2003 bikathon.

Celeste, inspired no end after seeing his wife and children cheering him on in Sual, Pangasinan, showed the way home for a huge pack of riders to rule the longest stage in the 15-lap schedule in five hours, 43 minutes and 15 seconds.

"*Pagkakita ko sa kanila, lumakas ulit ako.* (I felt strong again when I saw them)," said Celeste of his wife Jocelyn and children Kevin, 3, and Kiara, 1, who came home from Rome to give him moral support.

Proving he's not yet over the hill, Celeste, 32, outpedalled fellow Pangasinense Danny Ganigan and Reynaldo Navarro in the final 200 meters of the 247.6-km lap from Olongapo to secure his fourth lap win ever.

Ramos and Quirimit kept close watch on each other and finished with the 17-man main pack that checked in 17.9 seconds behind Celeste.

The overall leader was ranked ninth for the day and maintained his lead of two minutes and 41 seconds over Quirimit.

But there was a major revamp in the top 10 list as veteran Placido Valdez tumbled down to eighth from third because of an ailing foot and Bernard Luzon skidded from fourth overall to 12th by finishing 49th for the day.

"My right foot hurts. I didn't force the issue because I fear the injury might jeopardize my championship bid," said Valdez in Tagalog.

Enrique Domingo, a hands-down favorite to capture the Sprint King crown and winner of the seventh lap, moved from fifth to occupy Valdez's old spot, five minutes and 36 seconds off Ramos.

Rhyan Tanguilig advanced to fourth from sixth, 1998 champion Warren Davadilla took fifth from seventh and Joseph Millanes, the day's fourth placer, and Arnold Marcelo barged into the Magic 10 as No. 6 and No. 7, respectively.

Millanes was 15th and Marcelo 14th when the race started after a rest day Saturday.

Also gaining considerably was Lito Atilano, who jumped from 16th to ninth behind Valdez with Lloyd Reynante dropping to 10th overall from eight.

Quirimit, the winningest rider so far with three lap victories, said the favorites shied away from the battle for lap honors since Celeste and Co. offer no serious threats to them.

But the lap win meant a lot for Celeste, who improved just one rung in the overall race with his 19th place.

Forced to retire when the Tour was scrapped in 1999, the veteran rider from Urdaneta, Pangasinan joined her wife in Rome, where she works as a caregiver, in 2001.

He was on vacation last year when he learned that the Tour was being revived. He decided to join the qualifying races, made it to the Tour proper and organizers acknowledged his status as a respected rider by naming him skipper of the Vat Riders.

Celeste, whose best finish was fourth overall in 1992, said it's hard to win due to the presence of younger and stronger riders now, but he promised to give it his best shot.

Ramos will don the yellow jersey for the fifth straight time today when the Tour presented by Air21 and backed by Longines, FedEx, Mail & More, BPI-MS, Lipovitan, Accel, San Miguel Light, Selle Italia and Look-Vittoria goes to Vigan on a 206-km lap.

Except for Millanes, the top seven finishers hail from this province with Nilo Estayo, Quirimit and Alfie Catalan wounding up fifth to seventh, respectively.

In the team category, Intel kept the lead in the race for the top P1-million prize for the sixth consecutive day with a total time of 117 hours, five minutes and 17 seconds.

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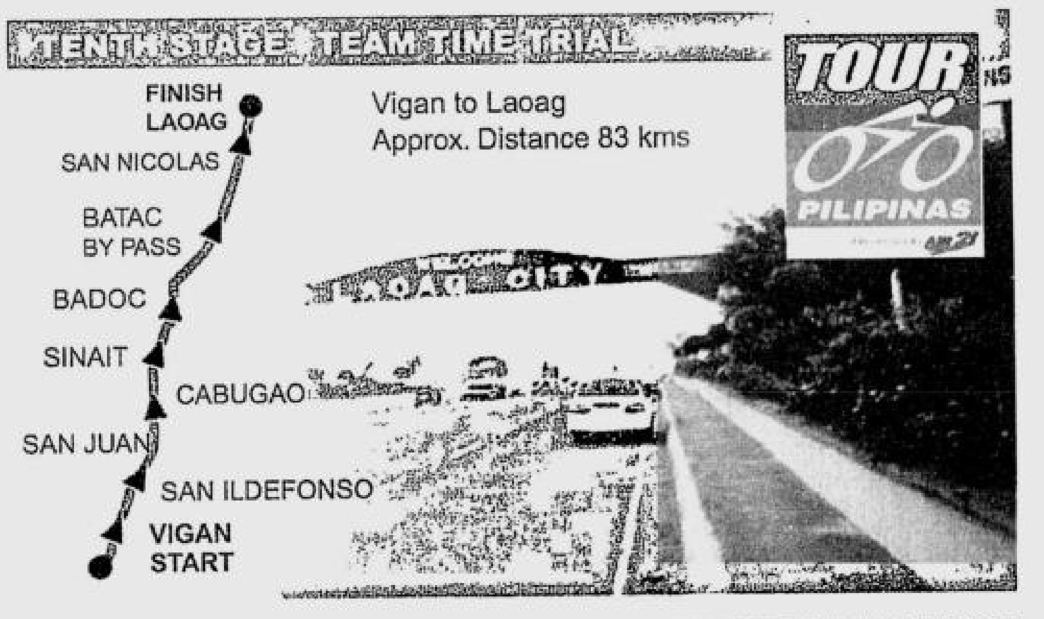

Vigan to Laoag
Approx. Distance 83 kms

Overall Standings

RANK	RIDER		TIME
1	MERCULIO	RAMOS	28h53'42.292
2	ARNEL	QUIRIMIT	00h02'41.979
3	ENRIQUE	DOMINGO	00h05'36.790
4	RHYAN	TANGUILIG	00h08'05.670
5	WARREN	DAVADILLA	00h09'41.650
6	JOSEPH	MILLANES	00h16'11.051
7	ARNOLD	MARCELO	00h16'22.733
8	PLACIDO	VALDEZ	00h16'32.020
9	LITO	ATILANO	00h17'22.769
10	LLOYD	REYNANTE	00h18'11.449
11	RENATO	DOLOSA	00h18'17.53
12	BERNARD	LUZON	00h18'19.229
13	SANTI	BARNACHEA	00h18'54.200
14	RONALD	GORRANTES	00h19'13.479
15	FERNANDO	ALAGANO	00h21'06.580
16	ALFIE	CATALAN	00h21'07.660
17	ALBERT	PRIMERO	00h22'41.951
18	DANNY	GANIGAN	00h23'49.325
19	FELIX	CELESTE	00h24'25.993
20	FREDERICK	FELICIANO	0h24'46.481
21	CARLO	JAZUL	0h25'31.582
22	REYNALDO	NAVARRO	0h28'42.510
23	SHERWIN	DIAMSAY	0h34'57.051
24	REINHARD	GORANTES	0h36'11.782
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77	ART	DELA CRUZ	03h01'03.451
78	RICHARD	AQUINO	03h31'59.460
79	BERNARD	LLENTADA	03h33'54.071

TEAM STANDINGS

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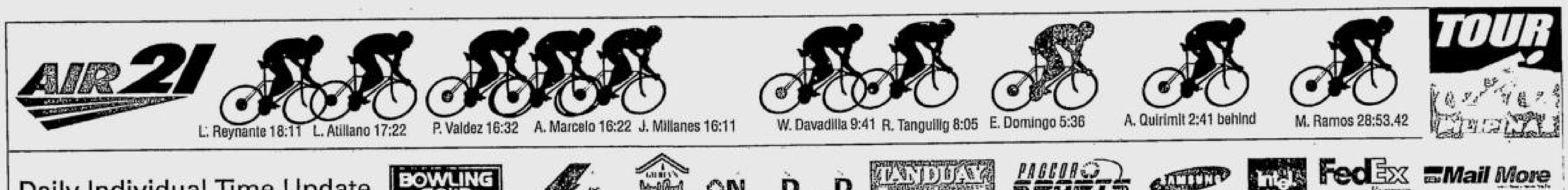
2	TANDUAY RHUM	117h08'34.0	00h03'16.06
3	POSTMEN	117h18'04.9	00h12'46.98
4	SAMSUNG	117h19'55.4	00h14'37.49
5	ECO SAVERS	117h32'12.5	00h26'54.61
6	PATROL 117	117h44'18.7	00h39'00.82
7	BOWLING GOLD	117h46'22.8	00h41'04.87
8	VAT RIDERS	117h57'20.6	00h52'02.64
9	PAGCORSPORTS	118h00'40.8	00h55'22.86
10	GILBEYS ISLAND PUNCH	118h35'07.5	01h29'49.53
11	DRUG BUSTERS	119h02'10.3	01h56'52.33
12	PLDT-NDD	119h40'39.1	02h35'21.14



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Another Bata Reyes in the making

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

THE EMERGENCE of hitherto unheralded Ronnie Alcano in the international billiards scene as 2002 US Rookie of the Year is a sign that aside from recently named Hall of Famer Efren "Bata" Reyes, the country is not lacking in new faces in a sport where the Filipinos are second to none.

Alcano, 29-year-old hotshot from Calamba, Laguna, earned a piece of billiards history when he was named top rookie by Azbilliards.com., the leading billiards website in the United States, sharing the winner's podium with Bata Reyes, who was inducted recently into the prestigious Billiards Congress of America (BCA) Hall of Fame.

"Ronnie Alcano is the Bata Reyes of the future," said an avid supporter of the game. "We need more fresh faces in the mold of Ronnie."

I agree. We certainly need to produce new players who can take over when age and other human factors catch up with Reyes, who is pushing 49, and the other world-class player, Francisco "Django" Bustamante, who is almost 39.

"They cannot be at the top forever. We must realize this and be prepared," said Puyat Sports president Putch Puyat, who has been bankrolling, together with elder brother former Assemblyman Jose "Popit" Puyat, the international campaign of the fantabulous Philippine team with their own money. It is also worth mentioning here that the Puyats do not get a single centavo from the earnings of their players ever since they took them under their wings in the 1980s.

Ronnie Alcano first tantalized the pool crowd sometime in 2001 during the San Miguel Beer Rising stars of 9-Ball Tournament, displaying a powerful break and masterful ball control, requisite gifts which enabled him to make the finals against the eventual winner, veteran internationalist Edgar Acaba of Samar.

In his American campaign thus far, Alcano has earned $33,000 by winning five of nine championship appearances in the tough Joss NE Tour. He landed in the top seven in the Peninsula 9-Ball Open, US Open and Viking Tour National Championship and won third place in the Ten-Ball Challenge at Trump Marine in Atlantic City, finishing ahead of Reyes, Earl Strickland and Bustamante.

Alcano is competing in the annual blockbuster US Open later this year in Chesapeake, Virginia, where Reyes became the first non-American to win the title, beating multi-awarded Nick Varner in 1994. Reyes, by the way, is supposed to receive the Hall of Fame award on July 12 in Las Vegas, but he may have to skip the ceremony as it coincides with the opening of the World Pool 9-Ball Championship in Cardiff where he won the crown in 1999.

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DOC MAKES HIS POINT. In response to the grievances aired by concerned horse owners, jockeys as well as the members of the Metropolitan Association of Race Horse Owners and the Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization, the sponsoring Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office has reset the multi-million First Gentleman Silver Cup race to May 11 at the Santa Ana Park in Makati City.

Now on its third edition, the annual Silver Cup held in honor of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo was originally scheduled May 4 at the partly finished San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite, but various sectors opposed the staging of the race there, saying the SLLP was not yet ready to hold big-time races.

"Construction work is still in progress in Carmona," said horse owner and former PCSO general manager Dr. Fernando Carrascoso.

"One can see that it was opened in a hurry, albeit haphazardly."

Several horses which took part in SLLP races recently have already been destroyed after stumbling and breaking their legs reportedly due to the poor condition of the track. The jockeys said deficiencies at the oval should be corrected to ensure the safety of the horses and the riders.

SPORTSTV

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BASKETBALL: Blazers vs Mavericks, Game 7; 7 a.m. (r - 10 p.m.), Solar Sports - Portland seeks to become the first team in NBA history to come back from a 0 - 3 deficit in a best-of-seven series.

Magic vs Pistons, Game 7; 7:30 p.m.; IBC 13 - Only six teams have come back down 1 - 3 to win a series. Will Detroit make it seven?

TENNIS: Telecom Italia Masters, First Round; 10 p.m., Star Sports - World number one Andre Agassi is once again the favorite as he heads an impressive cast in Rome.

BASEBALL: Seattle Mariners vs Chicago White Sox; 8 a.m.; ESPN - Japanese sensation Ichiro Suzuki leads the Mariners as they take on the White Sox in this AL match - up.

BOXING: Boxing's Finest Hour; 9:30 p.m.; IBC 13 - Catch some of the greatest moments in professional boxing as they are featured on this show.

MOTOR SPORTS: Spanish Grand Prix; 3:30 p.m. (r), Star Sports - Take a look back at all the action that happened in Barcelona over the weekend.

GOLF: HP Classic of New Orleans, Final Round; 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (r); Star Sports - Will Scott Verplank' s fortunes continue in the Final Round.

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Yao is center of lawsuit

CLEVELAND—A sports agent was accused in a lawsuit of intervening in a deal that would have allowed a sports management company to represent Houston Rockets center Yao Ming.

Evergreen Sports Inc., based in suburban Shaker Heights, Ohio, filed the lawsuit Thursday in US District Court, accusing agent Bill Duffy of Walnut Creek, California, of misleading Yao about Evergreen in 1999 to sign the player.

The suit seeks damages for lost revenue Evergreen figured to get from the contract with Yao for his work on and off the court, Evergreen's lawyer, Peter Poulos, said Saturday.

"Yao Ming is a pretty popular person these days," Poulos said.

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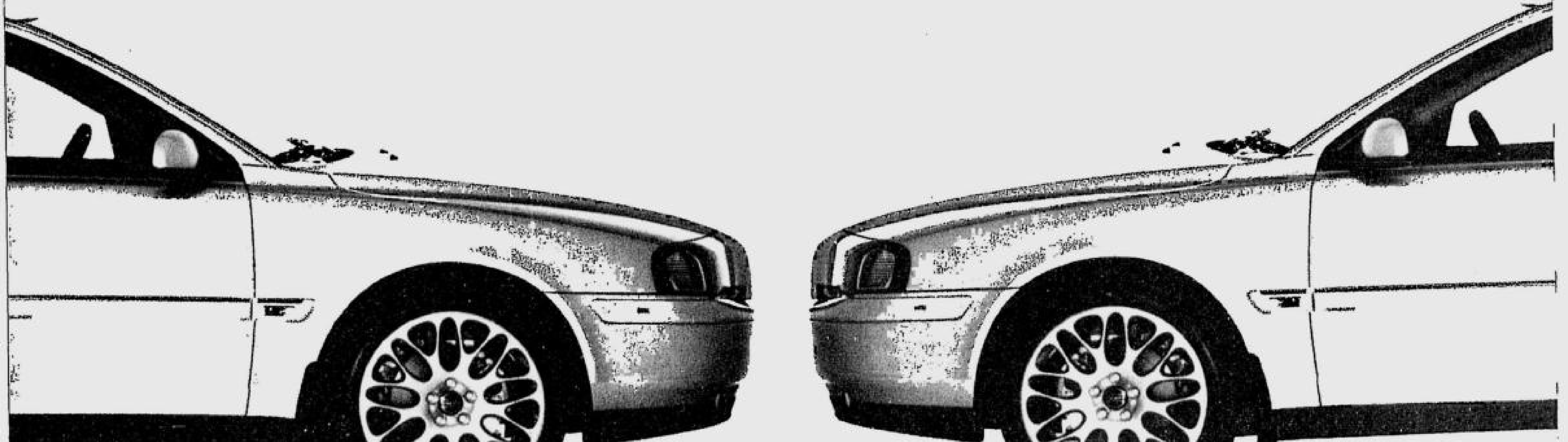

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FIRST ROUND

Eastern Conference

(1) Detroit vs. (8) Orlando
Magic 3, Pistons 3
Game 1: Orlando 99, Detroit 94
Game 2: Detroit 89, Orlando 77
Game 3: Orlando 89, Detroit 80
Game 4 : Orlando 100, Detroit 92
Game 5: Detroit 98, Orlando 67
Game 6: Detroit 103, Orlando 88
Game 7 at Detroit (May 5, 12:30am)

(2) New Jersey vs (7) Milwaukee
Nets 4, Bucks 2
Game 1: New Jersey 109, Milwaukee 96
Game 2: Milwaukee 88, New Jersey 85
Game 3: New Jersey 103, Milwaukee 101
Game 4 Milwaukee 119, New Jersey 114
Game 5: New Jersey 89, Milwaukee 82
Game 6: New Jersey 113, Milwaukee 101
New Jersey wins series, 4-2

(3) Indiana vs (6) Boston
Pacers 2, Celtics 4
Game 1: Boston 103, Indiana 100
Game 2: Indiana 89, Boston 77
Game 3: Boston 101, Indiana 83
Game 4: Boston 102, Indiana 92
Game 5:Indiana 93 Boston 88
Game 6: Boston 110, Indiana 90
Boston wins series, 4-2

(4) Philadelphia vs (5) N. Orleans
Sixers 4, Hornets 2
Game 1: Philadelphia 98, New Orleans 90
Game 2: Philadelphia 90, New Orleans 85
Game 3: New Orleans 99, Philadelphia 85
Game 4: Philadelphia 96, New Orleans 87
Game 5: New Orleans 93, Philadelphia 91
Game 6: Philadelphia 107, New Orleans 103
Philadelphia wins series, 4-2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

(1) San Antonio vs (8) Phoenix
Spurs 4, Suns 2
Game 1 Phoenix 96, San Antonio 95 (OT)
Game 2: San Antonio 84, Phoenix 76
Game 3: San Antonio 99, Phoenix 86
Game 4: Phoenix 86, San Antonio 84
Game 5: San Antonio 94, Phoenix 82
Game 6: San Antonio 87, Phoenix 85
San Antonio wins series, 4-2

(2) Sacramento vs (7) Utah
Kings 4, Jazz 1
Game 1: Sacramento 96, Utah 90
Game 2: Sacramento 108, Utah 95
Game 3 Utah 107, Sacramento 104
Game 4: Sacramento 99, Utah 82
Game 5: Sacramento 111, Utah 91
Sacramento wins series, 4-1

(3) Dallas vs (6) Portland
Mavs 3, Blazers 3
Game 1: Dallas 96, Portland 86
Game 2: Dallas 103, Portland 99
Game 3: Dallas 115, Portland 103
Game 4: Portland 98, Dallas 79
Game 5: Portland 103, Dallas 99
Game 6:Portland 125, Dallas 103
Game 7 at Dallas (May 5, 3:30 am)

(4) Minnesota vs. (5) LA Lakers
Wolves 2, Lakers 4
Game 1: LA Lakers 117, Minnesota 98
Game 2: Minnesota 119, LA Lakers 91
Game 3: Minnesota 114, LA Lakers 110
Game 4: LA Lakers 102, Minnesota 97
Game 5: LA Lakers 120,Minnesota 90
Game 6: Los Angeles 101, Minnesota 85
Lakers win series, 4-2

SECOND ROUND

Eastern Conference

New Jersey vs. Boston
Nets 0, Celtics 0
Game 1 at New Jersey (May 6, 7 am)
Game 2 at New Jersey (May 8, 7 am)

Western Conference

San Antonio vs. LA Lakers
Spurs 0, Lakers 0
Game 1 at San Antonio (May 6, 9:30 am)
Game 2 at San Antonio (May 8, 9:30 am)

Duncan is MVP, but of course

SAN ANTONIO—David Robinson wasn't surprised Tim Duncan won the NBA's Most Valuable Player award for a second straight year. Not after the way the Spurs forward played in San Antonio's first-round playoff series against Phoenix.

Duncan was double-teamed and sometimes even triple-teamed by the scrappy Suns almost every time he touched the ball. And while his scoring was less than usual, the Spurs forward still helped his team win.

In the clinching Game 6 on Thursday, Duncan posted a triple-double–15 points, 20 rebounds and 10 assists– despite all of the defensive attention.

"He may be the smartest player in the league," said Robinson, who was the league's MVP in 1995. "He takes whatever you give him. If you're going to play him up on his jumpshot, he'll drive. If you're going to play back, he'll shoot the jumpshot. That's what makes him MVP."

While the award will not officially be announced until Sunday, league sources confirmed to The Associated Press on Saturday that the 27-year-old Duncan was selected from among an unusually large group of worthy candidates.

Duncan chose not to speak with reporters in San Antonio on Saturday, but his teammates had nothing but praise for him.

"Tim is so important to this team," starting guard Stephen Jackson said. "He comes to play every night–I think that's the definition of an MVP, (a player) who comes out and continues to help his team, brings the energy and the same contribution to his team every night."

Duncan led the Spurs to an NBA-best 60-22 record while averaging 23.3 points, 12.9 rebounds and nearly three blocks a game.

Others in contention for the award included Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, Orlando's Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson of Philadelphia.

Also on the short list were Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal of the three-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, who open a Western Conference semifinal series against the Spurs at the SBC Center on Monday night.

"Kevin Garnett's had a great year, Kobe's had a great year, Tracy McGrady's had an unbelievable year," Robinson said. "But still you can't dispute it–Tim's the best."

Duncan is the seventh player to win the award in consecutive seasons, joining Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Moses Malone, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell.

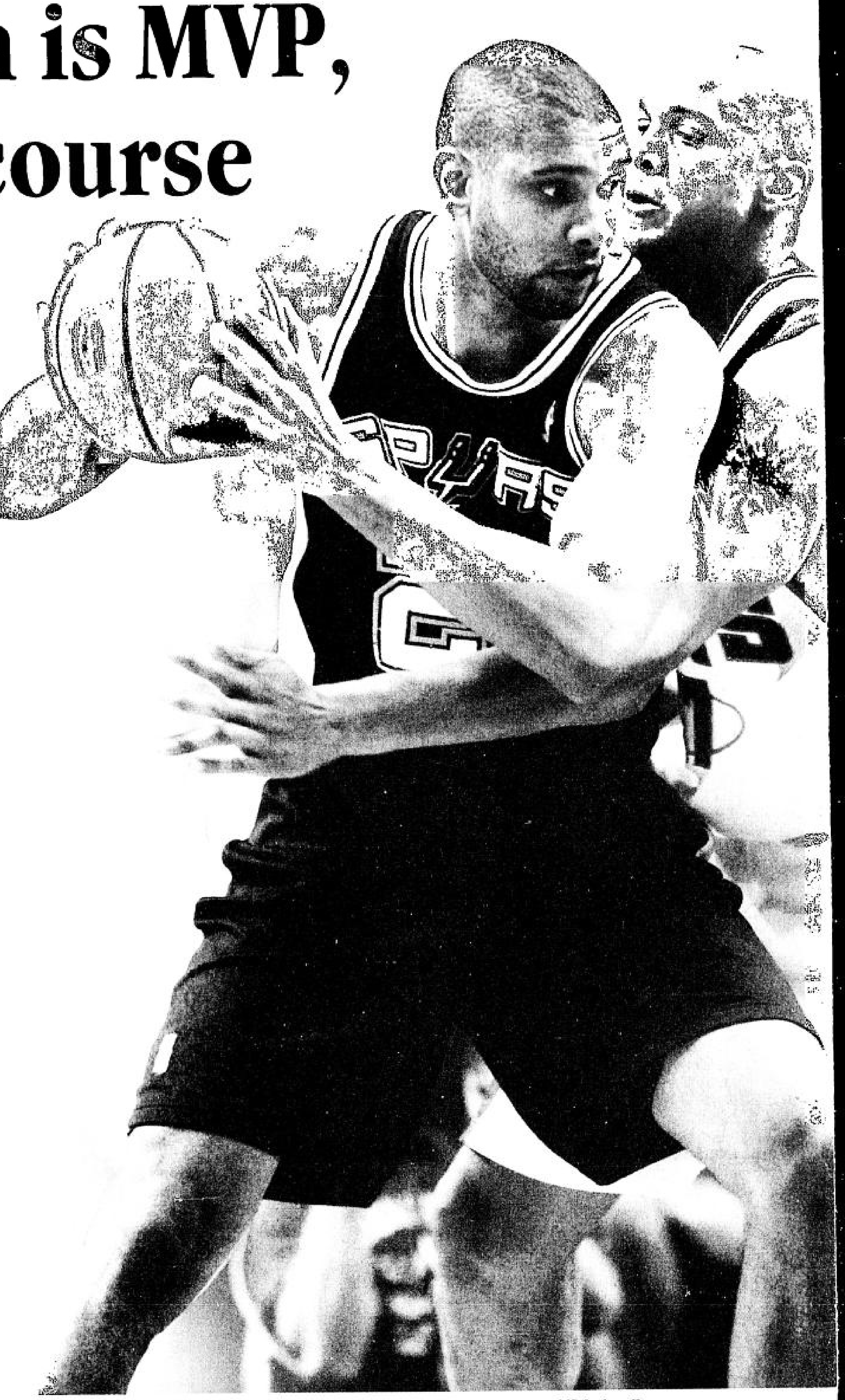
The Spurs are focused on turning the table on the Lakers, who needed a mere nine games to eliminate San Antonio from the playoffs in the past two seasons.

"We understand they're the NBA champions of last year, so we have our hands full," small forward Bruce Bowen said.

The Spurs aren't dwelling on their recent postseason futility against Los Angeles.

Bowen, a defensive specialist, will try to contain the playoff-stoked Bryant, who scored 14 points in the fourth quarter of the Lakers' Game 6 clincher over Minnesota on Thursday. *AP*

THE DECIDING Game Seven of the Dallas Mavericks-Portland Trailblazers first round NBA Playoffs series will be telecast live on Solar Sports at 7 a.m. today (Monday, May 5), with a replay at 10 p.m.



DUNCAN (left) trying to shake off Phoenix Suns Scott Williams during their recent NBA playoff game.

Spurs getting tougher for Lakers

LOS ANGELES—The three-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers won the final three games to eliminate Minnesota but if the regular season is an indication then taking just one from San Antonio will be no easy task.

The Spurs, who have home-court advantage, believe their time has come after winning all four games against the Lakers in the regular season.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson has spent the last few days reminding his players that the Spurs have made improvements.

"We need to be quicker on the jump," said Jackson. "The Spurs are a team that we have played many playoff games against in the last couple of years and they have added some personnel. But we know them very well."

The Spurs will host the first two games of the best-of-seven series on Monday and Wednesday. Both teams wrapped up their first-round series in six games.

The Lakers knocked San Antonio out of the playoffs en route to NBA titles the last two seasons.

Lakers superstar centre Shaquille O'Neal did not play in the first two games this season against the Spurs.

"We played really hard against them and didn't pull it out," said Lakers forward Mark Madsen.

"We have a lot of motivation going into this series but we are going to have to be at our best to come out of this series where we want to be.

"Phil said it doesn't matter what happened the last two seasons, San Antonio is a new team and if we don't come out the way we played last two games against Minnesota it could be a tough series."

Minnesota did not get the strong series they were hoping for from Kevin Garnett. Guard Troy Hudson was the best player for the Timberwolves. *AFP*

History on Mavs side vs Blazers

DALLAS—The Dallas Mavericks started the season with 14 straight victories, one shy of the league record. They finished the regular season with 60 wins, a franchise best.

Now, against the Portland Trail Blazers, Dallas is on the brink of making some history it really wants to avoid: Becoming the first NBA team to blow a 3-0 lead in the playoffs.

Portland has a chance to complete the unprecedented turnaround in Game 7 Sunday. That they're going the distance is impressive in itself; only twice in league history had a team won three straight games after losing the first three of a postseason series.

"It's a one-game series now for both teams," Portland's Scottie Pippen said. "We've been able to beat this team three games straight, but I don't think we've taken their best punch yet."

He rested his sore left knee Friday night, playing only seven minutes in Portland's 125-103 victory in Game 6 Friday night. The Blazers are confident about winning at Dallas on Sunday after winning Game 5 there despite only leading in the final 65 seconds.

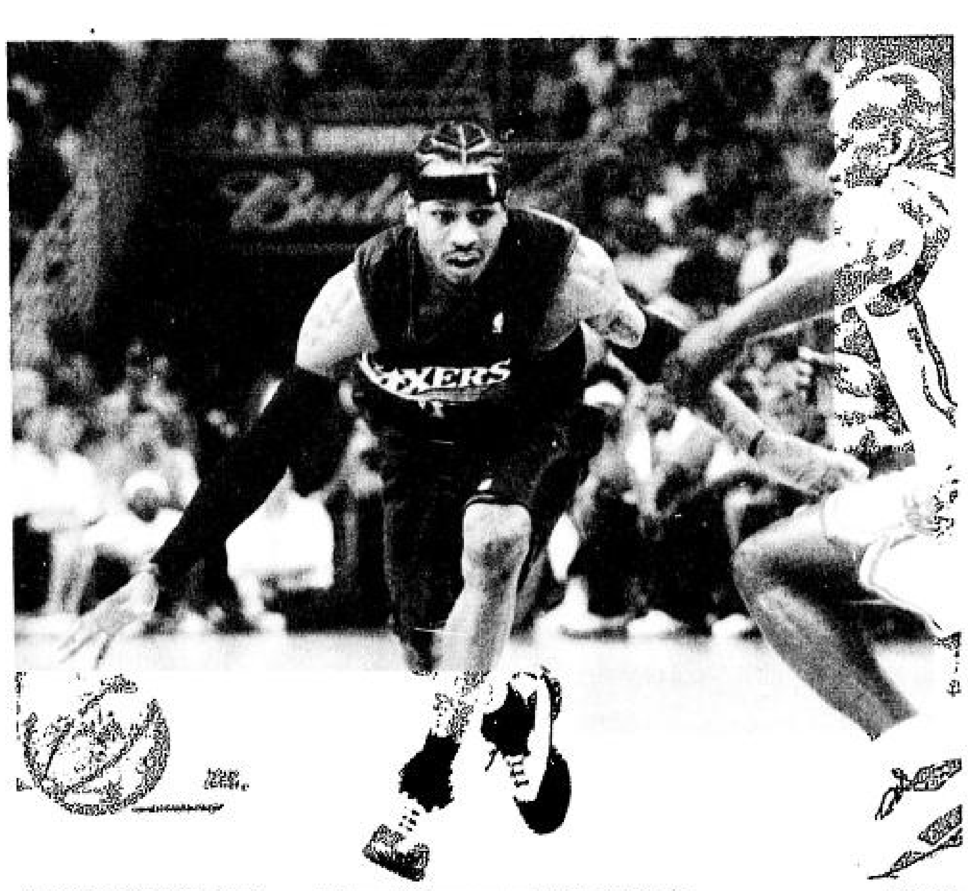
Dallas, meanwhile, needs to get its confidence back.

"There is no question in my mind we can win that game," Steve Nash said.

History is on the Mavericks' side:

- The other two NBA teams that, like Portland, went from 0-3 to 3-3 in the postseason (the 1994 Denver Nuggets and 1951 New York Knicks) both lost the series finale.
- Dallas hasn't lost four straight games since March 2000 and is 4-2 in elimination games since returning to the playoffs two years ago. None of those was a Game 7, however. *AP*

Sixers take time off while waiting



IVERSON (left) dribbles past New Orleans guard Robert Pack. REUTERS

PHILADELPHIA—Instead of preparing for a decisive Game 7, the Philadelphia 76ers enjoyed a Saturday off.

The Sixers advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals with a 107-103 victory over the Hornets in New Orleans on Friday night. They'll play the winner of Sunday's Game 7 between Orlando and Detroit.

If the Magic win, the Sixers will open their second-round series at home. If the Pistons win, they'll open in Detroit.

Philadelphia coach Larry Brown is just happy that his team wrapped up the first-round series when it did.

"I'm thrilled we've got some time off, which we really need," Brown said.

Allen Iverson made sure the Sixers didn't have to play the Hornets again, scoring 15 of his 45 points in the fourth quarter, including an incredible 4.5-meter (15-foot) bank shot that gave Philadelphia a four-point lead in the final seconds.

But Iverson didn't do it alone.

Keith Van Horn had 18 points and 18 rebounds, including a key offensive rebound in the final minute. Criticized by Brown for his reluctance to take shots late in games and his inability to get rebounds in Game 5–he had four–Van Horn came through with his finest all-around performance of the season.

"He was phenomenal," Brown said. "He really stepped up."

The Sixers will return to practice Sunday morning still uncertain of their next opponent. The Magic and Pistons play in the afternoon.

Even though playing the Magic would mean getting home-court advantage, the Sixers might not be rooting for Orlando. Philadelphia hasn't had much success against Tracy McGrady and the Magic in recent years.

Before beating Orlando 99-98 on Feb. 14 at home, the Sixers had lost nine of 10 against the Magic, including the first two games this season. The Sixers then won 118-113 in Orlando on March 31.

Orlando leads the all-time series 37-19, but the Sixers beat the Magic in their only postseason meeting in 1998, winning a first-round series 3-1. *AP*

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He hit a 6-iron straight at the stick on the par-3, 176-yard eighth that landed just in front of the hole and took a soft hoop past it before settling 5 feet away.

A nice chip from the rough in front of the 11th green led to another birdie for Verplank.

Gay, who was playing with the leader, also had a long chip to set up a birdie on the par-5 11th.

The playing partners then both birdied No. 12.

Verplank picked up his first bogey in 48 holes on the 16th, missing a 4-footer by 6 inches. Meanwhile, Gay birdied the hole to move within two strokes of the leader for the first time since early in the round.

But Gay self-destructed on the 471-yard, par-4 18th, finding two bunkers in front of the green then two-putting.

Verplank, a four-time winner in his 17-year career, is looking for his first victory since 2001.

Stuart Appleby matched Verplank's low round of the tournament with a 9-under 63 early in the day, but that only got him a tie for ninth place at 14-under 202. With nothing to suggest scores will be going up drastically on Sunday, Appleby knows he'll practically have to match his sterling third round just to get into the top 10.

"Usually, 10 under on the weekend you'd be getting in the top 10 easy," he said.

Not this weekend. *AP*

Defiant Seve disqualified

BRESCIA, Italy—Five-time major champion Seve Ballesteros was disqualified from the Italian Open on Saturday for writing an incorrect score after refusing to accept a one-stroke penalty for slow play.

Ballesteros, who had started the third round trailing by nine strokes, was given a one-shot penalty for a second "bad time" call by European Tour chief referee John Paramor, Italian Open officials said.

After Ballesteros rubbed out the penalty to. card a 3-over-par 75 instead of 76, he was disqualified.

The 46-year-old Spaniard called a press conference and angrily accused the European Tour of being "mafia."

Ballesteros alleged that tour officials were waging a war against him because he once complained about how the tour was being run.

"It's a personal problem from the past," the two-time Masters champion said. "It's a war and this is a continuation of that.

"It happens because I'm against the system. Ten years ago I could have taken a minute and a half to play one shot but I'm not important any more for the tour." *AP*

REUTERS

Martinez keys Boston triumph with 5-hit job

BOSTON—Pedro Martinez pitched a five-hitter and struck out 12 in his first complete game of the year as the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 9-1 Saturday.

It was the 39th complete game of Martinez's career and he finally got some support in a seven-run sixth inning capped by David Ortiz's three-run double against his former team.

In five of his other six starts, the Red Sox scored two runs or less while he was in the game. And he didn't have to worry about his bullpen blowing a lead as it did in two games in which he left while ahead.

Martinez (3-1) allowed just one earned run, giving him five games in which he permitted one or less.

Twins starter Rick Reed left in the fourth inning after straining his lower back. The Red Sox reached his replacement, Tony Fiore (1-1), for a run in the fifth.

Devil Rays 8, Tigers 6, 10 innings

In Detroit, Damion Easley came back to derail Detroit, lofting a pinch-hit triple in the 10th inning that sent the Tampa Bay Devil Rays over the Tigers.

Easley signed with Tampa Bay in early April, five days after Detroit made him the most expensive player cut loose in baseball history. The Tigers owed him $14.3 million when he was released.

The Devil Rays blew leads of 5-1 and 6-3, but pulled the game out in the 10th. Detroit dropped their sixth in a row to fall to 3-25 this season.

Aubrey Huff, who had already homered twice, walked on four pitches to start the 10th. Travis Lee's sacrifice bunt moved pinch-hitter George Lombard to second, and the Devil Rays sent up Easley to hit for Al Martin.

Easley, who played for Detroit from 1996-2002, hit a long fly into the right-field corner and the ball bounced out of Bobby Higginson's glove as he hit the wall.

Al Levine (2-1) pitched the final two innings to pick up the win. Wil Ledezma (0-2) took the loss.

Athletics 5, Yankees 3, 10 innings

In New York, Eric Chavez hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning, and the Oakland Athletics rebounded from Jason Giambi's tying homer in the ninth to beat the New York Yankees.

Tim Hudson had dominated New York for eight innings, allowing just three hits, all singles.

Keith Foulke (1-0) relieved with a 3-1 lead and blew a save for the second time in nine tries. Nick Johnson opened the ninth with an opposite-field double to left that was fair by about six inches and Giambi crushed a 3-1 pitch off the facade of the upper deck in right field.

Juan Acevedo (0-2) relieved to start the 10th and gave up a leadoff double to Scott Hatteberg on a ball that just went under the glove of right fielder Raul Mondesi, who had tried to run in and reach down for the catch.

Chavez deposited the next pitch in the right-field bleachers for his seventh homer.

New York, which had won three in a row, dropped to 23-7. Oakland has won seven of nine.

Blue Jays 7, Angels 1

In Toronto, Doug Davis won his first start with Toronto and Vernon Wells hit a grand slam as the Blue Jays beat the Anaheim Angels.

Wells drove in a career-high five runs and tied a career best for hits by going 4-for-4. The Blue Jays won their third straight game.

Davis, claimed off waivers from Texas last Wednesday, allowed eight hits in six innings for his first win since May 3, 2002, at Cleveland.

David Eckstein homered in the sixth for the only run off Davis (1-0). Davis struck out one and walked one.

Anaheim starter Scot Shields (1-1) allowed two runs on seven hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Orioles 6, Royals 1

In Baltimore, Sidney Ponson capped a memorable week by pitching eight innings of five-hit ball, and the Baltimore Orioles beat Runelvys Hernandez and the Kansas City Royals.

Jeff Conine homered, drove in two runs and scored twice for the Orioles, who became the first team this season to score more than three runs against Hernandez (4-1).

Ponson (3-2) struck out nine and walked one before beinge Santiago (0-1) as the Rangers won for the first time when trailing after the sixth inning. Texas had been 0-10 when down after six, and the Rangers improved to 4-7 in one-run games. *AP*

No Wizard job for MJ

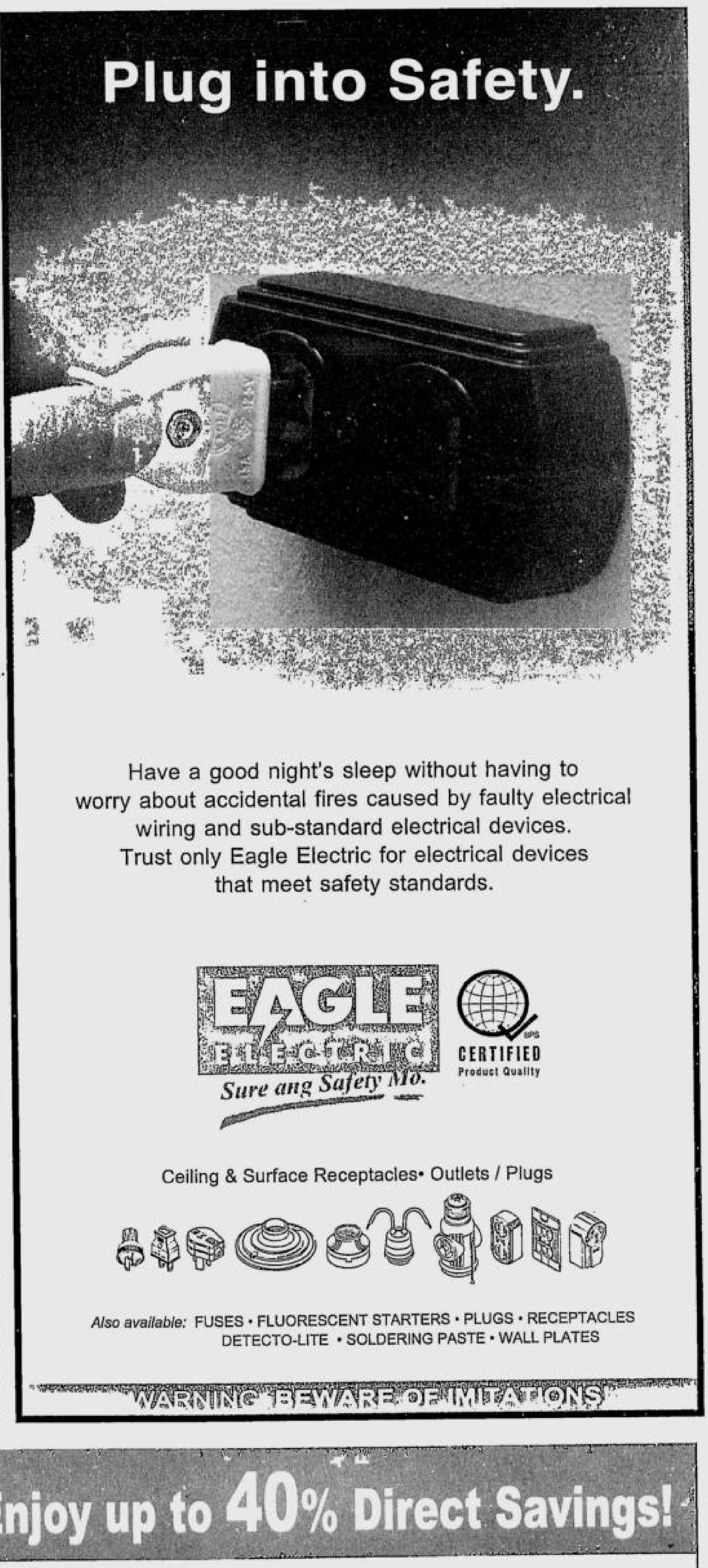
WASHINGTON—Michael Jordan may not be rejoining the Washington Wizards front office next season, the New York Times reported on Sunday.

The newspaper says the Wizards have a meeting planned later in the week to discuss Jordan's role with the team. Wizards owners Abe Pollin and Ted Leonsis are also expected to be at the meeting.

Player resentment towards Jordan and management's lack of confidence in Jordan's executive ability are the two main reasons cited by the newspaper.

The speculation comes just days after Wizard general manager Wes Unseld announced he was taking a leave of absence after next month's National Basketball Association draft.

The Wizards, who finished with a record of 37-45 for the second consecutive season, did not make the playoffs for the sixth straight season. *AFP*



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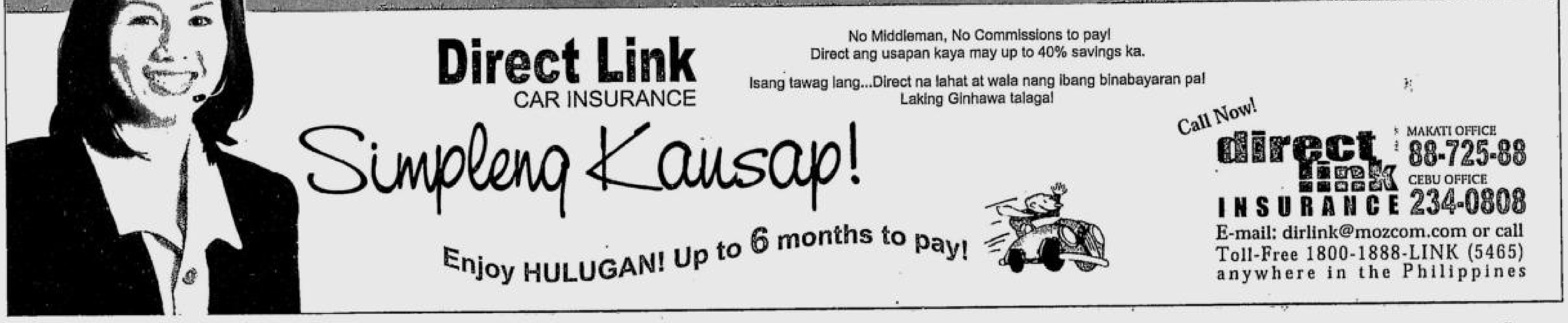
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Since the tournament moved to English Turn in 1989, the course has never been more giving. Previously, only two players had played four rounds at 20-under par or better. David Toms was 22 under when he won here two years ago and Phil Mickelson was 20 under as runner-up to Toms.

Verplank reached 20 under with a birdie on the eighth hole, and he didn't miss getting to 21 under on that hole by much.

He hit a 6-iron straight at the stick on the par-3, 176-yard eighth that landed just in front of the hole and took a soft hoop past it before settling 5 feet away.

A nice chip from the rough in front of the 11th green led to another birdie for Verplank.

Gay, who was playing with the leader, also had a long chip to set up a birdie on the par-5 11th.

The playing partners then both birdied No. 12.

Verplank picked up his first bogey in 48 holes on the 16th, missing a 4-footer by 6 inches. Meanwhile, Gay birdied the hole to move within two strokes of the leader for the first time since early in the round.

But Gay self-destructed on the 471-yard, par-4 18th, finding two bunkers in front of the green then two-putting.

Verplank, a four-time winner in his 17-year career, is looking for his first victory since 2001.

Stuart Appleby matched Verplank's low round of the tournament with a 9-under 63 early in the day, but that only got him a tie for ninth place at 14-under 202. With nothing to suggest scores will be going up drastically on Sunday, Appleby knows he'll practically have to match his sterling third round just to get into the top 10.

"Usually, 10 under on the weekend you'd be getting in the top 10 easy," he said.

Not this weekend. *AP*

Defiant Seve disqualified

BRESCIA, Italy —Five-time major champion Seve Ballesteros was disqualified from the Italian Open on Saturday for writing an incorrect score after refusing to accept a one-stroke penalty for slow play.

Ballesteros, who had started the third round trailing by nine strokes, was given a one-shot penalty for a second "bad time" call by European Tour chief referee John Paramor, Italian Open officials said.

After Ballesteros rubbed out the penalty to card a 3-over-par 75 instead of 76, he was disqualified.

The 46-year-old Spaniard called a press conference and angrily accused the European Tour of being "mafia."

Ballesteros alleged that tour officials were waging a war against him because he once complained about how the tour was being run.

"It's a personal problem from the past," the two-time Masters champion said. "It's a war and this is a continuation of that.

"It happens because I'm against the system. Ten years ago I could have taken a minute and a half to play one shot but I'm not important any more for the tour." *AP*

Martinez keys Boston triumph with 5-hit job

BOSTON—Pedro Martinez pitched a five-hitter and struck out 12 in his first complete game of the year as the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 9-1 Saturday.

It was the 39th complete game of Martinez's career and he finally got some support in a seven-run sixth inning capped by David Ortiz's three-run double against his former team.

In five of his other six starts, the Red Sox scored two runs or less while he was in the game. And he didn't have to worry about his bullpen blowing a lead as it did in two games in which he left while ahead.

Martinez (3-1) allowed just one earned run, giving him five games in which he permitted one or less.

Twins starter Rick Reed left in the fourth inning after straining his lower back. The Red Sox reached his replacement, Tony Fiore (1-1), for a run in the fifth.

Devil Rays 8, Tigers 6, 10 innings

In Detroit, Damion Easley came back to derail Detroit, lofting a pinch-hit triple in the 10th inning that sent the Tampa Bay Devil Rays over the Tigers.

Easley signed with Tampa Bay in early April, five days after Detroit made him the most expensive player cut loose in baseball history. The Tigers owed him $14.3 million when he was released.

The Devil Rays blew leads of 5-1 and 6-3, but pulled the game out in the 10th. Detroit dropped their sixth in a row to fall to 3-25 this season.

Aubrey Huff, who had already homered twice, walked on four pitches to start the 10th. Travis Lee's sacrifice bunt moved pinch-hitter George Lombard to second, and the Devil Rays sent up Easley to hit for Al Martin.

Easley, who played for Detroit from 1996-2002, hit a long fly into the right-field corner and the ball bounced out of Bobby Higginson's glove as he hit the wall.

Al Levine (2-1) pitched the final two innings to pick up the win. Wil Ledezma (0-2) took the loss.

Athletics 5, Yankees 3, 10 innings

In New York, Eric Chavez hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning, and the Oakland Athletics rebounded from Jason Giambi's tying homer in the ninth to beat the New York Yankees.

Tim Hudson had dominated New York for eight innings, allowing just three hits, all singles.

Keith Foulke (1-0) relieved with a 3-1 lead and blew a save for the second time in nine tries. Nick Johnson opened the ninth with an opposite-field double to left that was fair by about six inches and Giambi crushed a 3-1 pitch off the facade of the upper deck in right field.

Juan Acevedo (0-2) relieved to start the 10th and gave up a leadoff double to Scott Hatteberg on a ball that just went under the glove of right fielder Raul Mondesi, who had tried to run in and reach down for the catch.

Chavez deposited the next pitch in the right-field bleachers for his seventh homer.

New York, which had won three in a row, dropped to 23-7. Oakland has won seven of nine.

Blue Jays 7, Angels 1

In Toronto, Doug Davis won his first start with Toronto and Vernon Wells hit a grand slam as the Blue Jays beat the Anaheim Angels.

Wells drove in a career-high five runs and tied a career best for hits by going 4-for-4. The Blue Jays won their third straight game.

Davis, claimed off waivers from Texas last Wednesday, allowed eight hits in six innings for his first win since May 3, 2002, at Cleveland.

David Eckstein homered in the sixth for the only run off Davis (1-0). Davis struck out one and walked one.

Anaheim starter Scot Shields (1-1) allowed two runs on seven hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Orioles 6, Royals 1

In Baltimore, Sidney Ponson capped a memorable week by pitching eight innings of five-hit ball, and the Baltimore Orioles beat Runelvys Hernandez and the Kansas City Royals.

Jeff Conine homered, drove in two runs and scored twice for the Orioles, who became the first team this season to score more than three runs against Hernandez (4-1).

Ponson (3-2) struck out nine and walked one before beinge Santiago (0-1) as the Rangers won for the first time when trailing after the sixth inning. Texas had been 0-10 when down after six, and the Rangers improved to 4-7 in one-run games. *AP*

REUTERS

No Wizard job for MJ

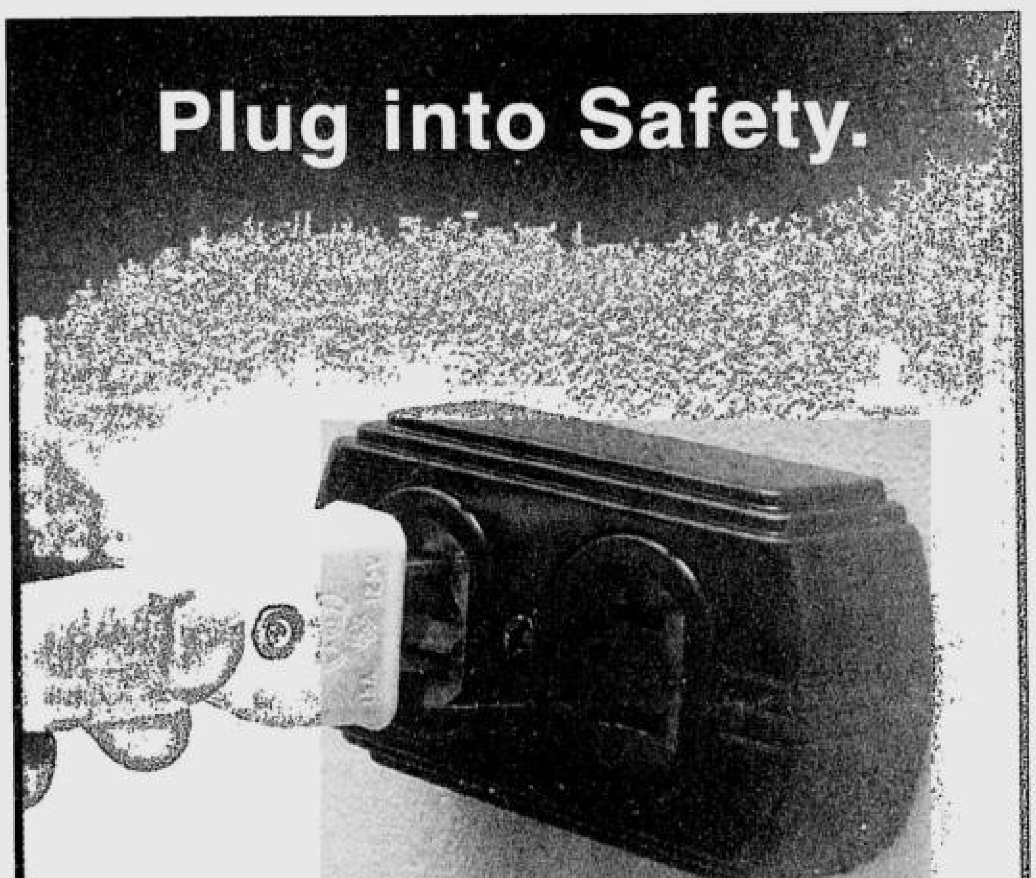
WASHINGTON— Michael Jordan may not be rejoining the Washington Wizards front office next season, the New York Times reported on Sunday.

The newspaper says the Wizards have a meeting planned later in the week to discuss Jordan's role with the team. Wizards owners Abe Pollin and Ted Leonsis are also expected to be at the meeting.

Player resentment towards Jordan and management's lack of confidence in Jordan's executive ability are the two main reasons cited by the newspaper.

The speculation comes just days after Wizard general manager Wes Unseld announced he was taking a leave of absence after next month's National Basketball Association draft.

The Wizards, who finished with a record of 37-45 for the second consecutive season, did not make the playoffs for the sixth straight season. *AFP*



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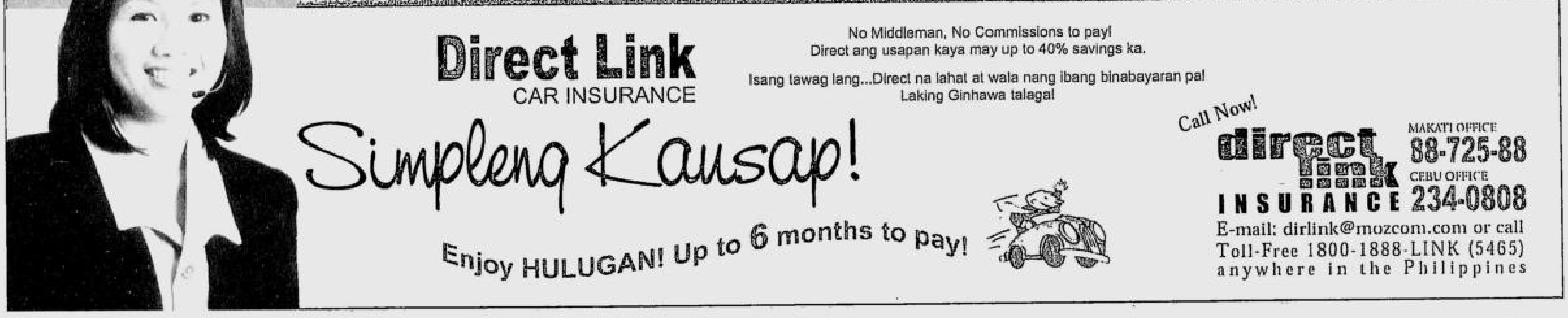

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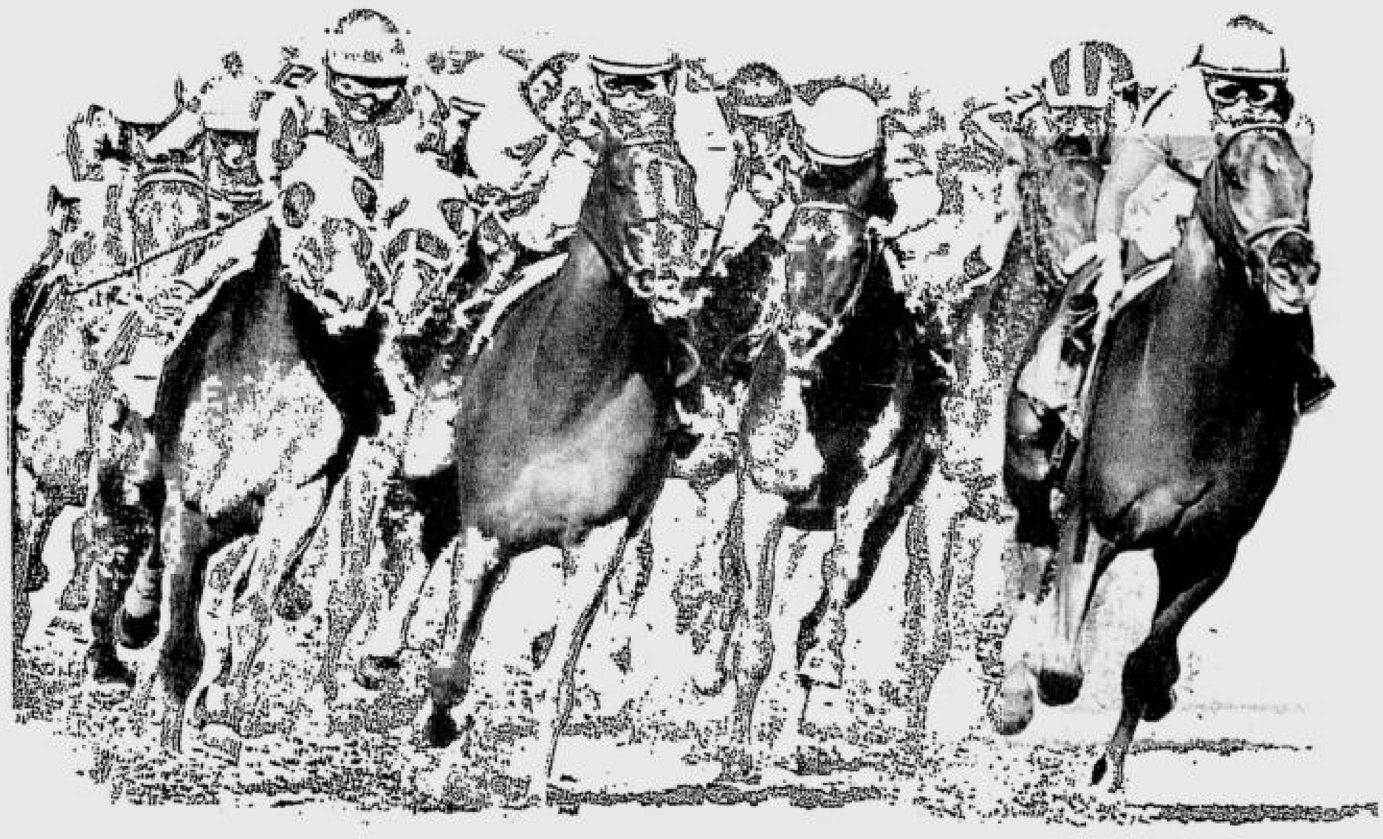

NOT FUNNY: Funny Cide (No. 6) leads the pack around the fourth turn at Churchill Downs. AFP

FUNNY CIDE UP

Gelding surprise at the Derby

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—Funny Cide won the Kentucky Derby on Saturday and became the first horse bred in New York to win America's greatest race with an upset of favorite Empire Maker.

With the surprising win, Funny Cide became the first gelding since Clyde Van Dusen in 1929 to win the Derby. Since then, 74 geldings tried and failed.

But not this one.

Ridden by Jose Santos, Funny Cide held off 5-2 top choice Empire Maker by 1 3/4 lengths, making his decisive move midway on the final turn.

The win turned the tables on the Bobby Frankel-trained Empire Maker, who beat Funny Cide by a half-length in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 12.

After that race, trainer Barclay Tagg wasn't thrilled with the prospect of leaving New York and making the trip to the Derby.

So he waited until Wednesday to bring his 3-year-old to town.

It turned out to be well worth the journey.

Tagg made Derby history of his own, becoming the first trainer to win on his first Derby try since Cam Gambolotti won with Spend a Buck in 1985.

SANTOS raises a hand in victory as favorite Empire Maker trails behind. REUTERS

Excellent horse

"People just didn't believe in this horse because he is a gelding," said Santos, winning his first Derby in his seventh attempt. "This is an excellent horse. I can't believe we won the Kentucky Derby."

Funny Cide, who went off with odds of 12-1, was third down the backstretch, behind a speed duel between Brancusi and Peace Rules. When Brancusi began to tire entering the final turn, Santos moved Funny Cide off the rail to go after Frankel's other colt.

As they turned for home, Funny Cide was between Peace Rules on the inside and Empire Maker on the outside. With Santos urging him on, Funny Cide began to draw clear and covered the 2 kilometers (1 1/4 miles) in 2:01.19, a relatively fast time.

"We're coming back with the Kentucky Derby trophy, back to New York, back home," Santos said.

Purchased as a yearling for $22,000 by Sackatoga Stables in upstate New York, Funny Cide returned $27.60, $12.40 and $8.20. Empire Maker, with Jerry Bailey aboard, paid $5.80 and $4.40. Peace Rules, ridden by Edgar Prado, was a head behind his stablemate and returned $6.

In earning $800,200 for his first victory this year in four tries, Funny Cide boosted his winnings to $1,239,385.

Although Frankel finished 2-3 with his powerful entry and had three wins and a second on the day's undercard, he's still 0-4 in the Derby and winless in Triple Crown races.

Meant to be

"It wasn't meant to be," Frankel said. "That's all I can say. The other horse ran a good race and he beat me."

Empire Maker ruled the backstretch during Derby week, and not just because he was the overwhelming favorite. When the colt returned from a jog Tuesday, he was favoring his bruised right front foot.

That's when the media circus began, with crowds gathering outside Frankel's barn every morning for injury updates. With the Derby, any nick to the favorite becomes big news.

But by Friday, Frankel proclaimed Empire Maker ready to win the Derby: "Bet against him at your own risk," he said. "He's going to run good. Don't worry about it."

The odds, though, changed slightly on Derby day, with Empire Maker dropping from 6-5 on the morning line to 3-1 before settling at 5-2.

It all ended with the Derby favorite's jinx very much intact.

Since Spectacular Bid won in 1979, only one favorite–Fusaichi Pegasus in 2000–has come through.

For Bob Baffert, who won his third Derby with War Emblem last year, this had to be his most disappointing race, with Indian Express never in contention and finishing 14th.

The colt was second in the Santa Anita Derby and trying to become the first Utah-bred to win the race. On Tuesday, Baffert's Kafwain was withdrawn with an injury.

D. Wayne Lukas, who came up with two last-minute horses in Lexington Stakes winner Scrimshaw and Ten Cents a Shine, extended his record of starters to 41. But his horses weren't close, with Ten Cents a Shine eighth and Scrimshaw 11th.

Atswhatimtalknbout was fourth, followed by Eye of the Tiger, Buddy Gil, Outta Here, Ten Cents a Shine, Ten Most Wanted, Domestic Dispute, Scrimshaw, Offlee Wild, Supah Blitz, Indian Express, Lone Star Sky and Brancusi.

Bailey said Empire Maker's bruised foot wasn't a factor.

"If it had bothered him, he wouldn't have changed leads on command the way he did," said Bailey, a two-time Derby winner. "I still think he's better than that other horse, but that doesn't change what happened."

The race went off at 2208 GMT, before a crowd of 148,530, fifth largest in Derby history.

"When they turned for home, I thought he was going to win it. I'll live to fight another day. So will the horse," Frankel said.

Funny Cide seemed to win against all odds.

A winner of only three New York restricted races at Belmont last fall, the son of Distorted Humor was winless in three starts this year before the Derby. He was fifth behind Offlee Wild in the Holy Bull on Jan. 18, a race in which he hit the starting gate and ran extremely wide. *AP*

Dream come true for poor Chilean rider

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—Jose Santos grew up watching greatness at the Kentucky Derby and daydreaming about being part of it.

He was 12 and living in poverty in Chile when he saw Secretariat make history in 1973. Already a jockey five years later, he watched Steve Cauthen ride Affirmed to a Derby victory.

Santos never doubted he could win, too. It took 30 years and seven tries, but he finally reached his goal with Funny Cide at the Derby on Saturday.

"Did I think this day would come? Yes, I did," Santos said.

Santos, who grew up with six brothers and a sister, began working as a groom at age 8 and sold newspapers to help the family survive.

"We were poor. We didn't eat so good," he said.

Santos saw racing as the way out. He rode his first race at 15 and struggled for five years to make ends meet.

"I was winning a lot of races, but not making a lot of money," he said.

He moved to Colombia, where he raced for five more years, making $200 a month.

Coming to America

"I put my mind on coming to America. I was looking for a dream and here was my dream," Santos said.

He ended up in Florida, where he began racing in January 1984. That summer, he tied Alex Solis for the riding title at Calder, with 69 winners. That was all the confidence he needed to stay in America.

JOCKEY Jose Santos celebrates after riding Funncy Cide to Derby victory. REUTERS

Santos moved to New York in 1985, and the following year he led all New York riders with 237 victories. He added to those totals in 1987 and 1988, and as he improved even more, so did the quality of his mounts.

"People knew I was working hard, knew I could ride horses," Santos said.

He rode in his first Derby in 1987, aboard fourth-place finisher Cryptoclearance. He continued to win races, but the Derby kept eluding him.

Until now.

Santos told New York-based Barclay Tagg last fall that he had found the horse that was going to win him the Derby, Funny Cide. Tagg thought Santos was just being polite.

"I think Jose has ridden him one time," Tagg said. "He made a comment that he was the best 2-year-old he had ever had in his life."

The gelding won his first three starts as a 2-year-old, all at Belmont Park with Santos aboard.

The horse ran into trouble at the start of his 3-year-old season, finishing fifth after hitting the gate in the Holy Bull and finishing third in the Louisiana Derby. Three weeks ago, Funny Cide was beaten by Derby favorite Empire Maker down the stretch in the Wood Memorial.

Showdown

When another showdown between the two shaped up Saturday, Santos and Funny Cide were ready.

"Looked pretty good from the 16th pole home," Tagg said.

As he crossed the finish line, Santos raised his whip in a clenched fist and blew a kiss to the crowd, something he has envisioned doing since he was a teenager. *AP*

Odd couple out of the money

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—The Odd Couple of the Kentucky Derby wasn't front and center this year.

Trainers Bob Baffert and D. Wayne Lukas, who won a combined six of the previous eight Derbies, finished out of the money Saturday.

Baffert, the sport's most recognizable trainer and resident comic, won last year with War Emblem. This time, his only entry of Indian Express finished 14th in the 16-horse field. The result matched Baffert's worst in eight trips to Churchill Downs.

"It was over for me at the break," he said of the start. "I had to sit there in agony and watch the rest of it."

Not easy for someone who pulled a stunning upset last year with $20.50-1 War Emblem, who led from start to finish.

Lukas, at 67, the race's elder statesman and dignified presence, did slightly better. Ten Cents a Shine was eighth and Scrimshaw 11th. Last year, he saddled Proud Citizen to a second-place finish behind Baffert.

Still, it was Lukas' worst pair of finishes since 2000, when his trio of starters were 12th, 15th and 17th.

But he wasn't as down as Baffert about the results.

"I thought it was a well run race and every horse had a shot at it," Lukas said back at his barn. "They were all together at the top of the stretch. You just had to lay it down and run."

Both of Lukas' horses tired late in the 2-kilometer (1 1/4-mile) race. They were his record 40th and 41st starters in the 129-year-old race.

"We had a good position, maybe the distance was just too much for him at this point," said Cornelio Velasquez, who rode Scrimshaw. "At the quarter-pole, he made a move, but the final three-sixteenths he just didn't have enough to be competitive." *AP*

Jenny slips out of top 10

JENNY Rosales submitted her worst round in three days of one-over-par 72 but stayed within striking distance of new leader Grace Park after three rounds Saturday in the $1.6 million Michelob Light Open in Williamsburg, Virginia.

As the weather changed from hot and sunny Friday to cold and wet on Saturday, Rosales struggled with three early bogeyes and dropped to a share of 13th place even as Park took charge with a round of 69-204. Cristie Kerr was just a stroke behind at 205 after a 68.

Rosales, three strokes off the lead in the first two rounds, had a 210 aggregate.

Fil-Am Dorothy Joy Delasin also stumbled under the tough playing conditions at the Kingsmill Resort course with her 73-213 sending her six rungs lower from a 17th to a tie for 23rd.

Bogeys on the first, fourth and fifth holes derailed the bid of Rosales, who is endorsing Pagcor and the American Eye Center of Dr. Jack Arroyo in the LPGA, to get closer to the top.

Rosales birdied the seventh and parred the next 10 holes before knocking in a birdie on the last hole.

Jong Arcano

ROSALES

Quiazon is UC-Berkeley athlete of year

RIA Denise Quiazon, who powered the Philippine women's golf team to a bronze medal in the Asian Games in Busan last year, will receive the Athlete of the Year award from the University of California-Berkeley on May 15.

Quiazon will be honored after helping her team win the Pac-10 championship.

The prestigious award is given to scholars who have performed consistently well in both the athletic and academic fields.

"It's a big honor for me and my family. I feel this is a reward for working hard enough and making the difference," Quiazon told the INQUIRER.

Quiazon's leadership enabled UC-Berkeley, a school with 33,000 students and a thousand athletes, to gain national prominence after the Bears topped the Pac-10 League which sent them skyrocketing from 50th to No. 3 in the national rankings.

Quiazon had also played for the RP team in the SEA Games and the world amateurs. *Jong Arcano*

Horse owners, aficionados cry again

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad

WE have a letter thanking us for what had been reported here about the state of affairs in the new race track in Carmona, Cavite.

Nothing to be truly thankful about those two columns about the poor conditions at the San Lazaro Leisure Park (SLLP), enumerated with the help of disgruntled horse owners.

In fact, those commentaries had elicited a detailed response from the Philippine Racing Commission, which protested that there were people who overemphasize on the negative with regards to horse racing in the country.

In fairness to the Philracom, it did admit there were premature conditions that could not be avoided at the newly opened Cavite race turf.

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However, based on the latest communication, it would appear that not enough was being done at the SLLP to satisfy the needs of both the public and the racehorse owners.

As explained in the new letter, sent in by Edgardo Mendoza (we confirmed the letter based on the cellphone number he listed) "attached material represents the questions, concerns, sentiments and complaints of the majority of horse owners/breeders, trainers, jockeys, aficionados and the betting public."

He proceeded to enumerate the following complaints about the Cavite race track:

- There is no established steady source of power as this is provided by a generator, which last April 19 conked out thereby delaying races by some 1 1/2 hours, with the races ending close to 11 p.m., much to the discomfort of the public.
- The stairway leading up the grandstand is obstructed by protruding steel bars, thus endangering the spectators.
- There is one portable toilet for MEN and one for WOMEN with no water servicing to the discomfort and inconvenience of aficionados who come to the races.
- For a leisure park, there is not a single tree to provide the public relief from the heat. Likewise, shade provisions for races are sorely inadequate, another oversight that had obviously caused several horses to suffer heat stroke.
- SLLP has no water supply, therefore nobody can expect comfort and sanitation from the only two portable toilets that have no water. (Health officials should look into these unsanitary conditions, as these could help trigger off a SARS epidemic.)

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That's it.

The letter writer explained that the "attached is by "no means intended to accuse any party of wrongdoing."

Of course, he proceeded to ask:

If the SLLP is such a world-class race track, how come it has no water supply and steady source of power; has no equine laboratory; has still failed to install a frontal camera, much needed in disputed races; jockeys cannot get advances from riding fees already paid by owners; horse owners cannot get advances from their prize winnings because there are no funds?

Yes, our letter writer claimed his main purpose is to open people's eyes.

The Philracom may get in touch with Mr. Mendoza at 0917-934 4075.

A rejoinder will be entertained after the Philracom can claim it has honestly and sufficiently attended to all the complaints.

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NAT'L OPEN TRACKFEST

Late-bloomer emerges as Asian Games beater

JAVELIN CHAMP Dandy Gallenero of La Salle with his winning throw. JESS YUSON

By Marc Anthony Reyes

ONLY one Philippine mark fell, but the 4-day Milo national open trackfest ended on a bright note yesterday after Mary Grace Melgar was tagged an Asian Games beater following her two-gold medal feat on the final day.

Melgar, a lean 5-foot-9 native of La Union, skippered the women's Navy team to the 4X400 gold medal right after winning the women's 400m hurdles, actually her third gold in the event.

"She's an Asian Games caliber," said her coach Jojo Posadas. "She's actually a 100m hurdles expert but now she has proven that she can excel in other events.

The PE masteral student of the University of the East, considered as a late-bloomer at 21 by her coaches, also captured the 400m run last Saturday.

While Melgar, in a teamup with Rhea-Ann Barena pulled off triple-gold medal feats, little-known Navyman Rene Herrera upset the big guns in the 1,500m run.

Herrera surprised everybody when he bested Southeast Asian Games 800m gold medalist John Lozada for the gold with a time of 3:55.5.

Herrera said his victory will be a perfect birthday gift for himself as he turns 24 on May 24.

Lozada, who had won the 800m gold, clocked 3:56.40.

In the 4x400 chase, Melgar burst from the starting block and left behind closest rival Chantal Balani of TMS Ship by at least 50 meters to give her teammates a big headway.

Taking the baton from Melgar, Barcena sustained that lead which their rivals failed to overcome as the Navy women finished with a winning time of 4 minutes, 1.79 seconds.

The time was 18 seconds slower than the national record which was set by the national team led by Perla Balatucan in the 1985 Asean championships.

Barcena, who is being recommended for the national team, earlier won the women's 1,500m and the women's 800m events to share the limelight with Melgar.

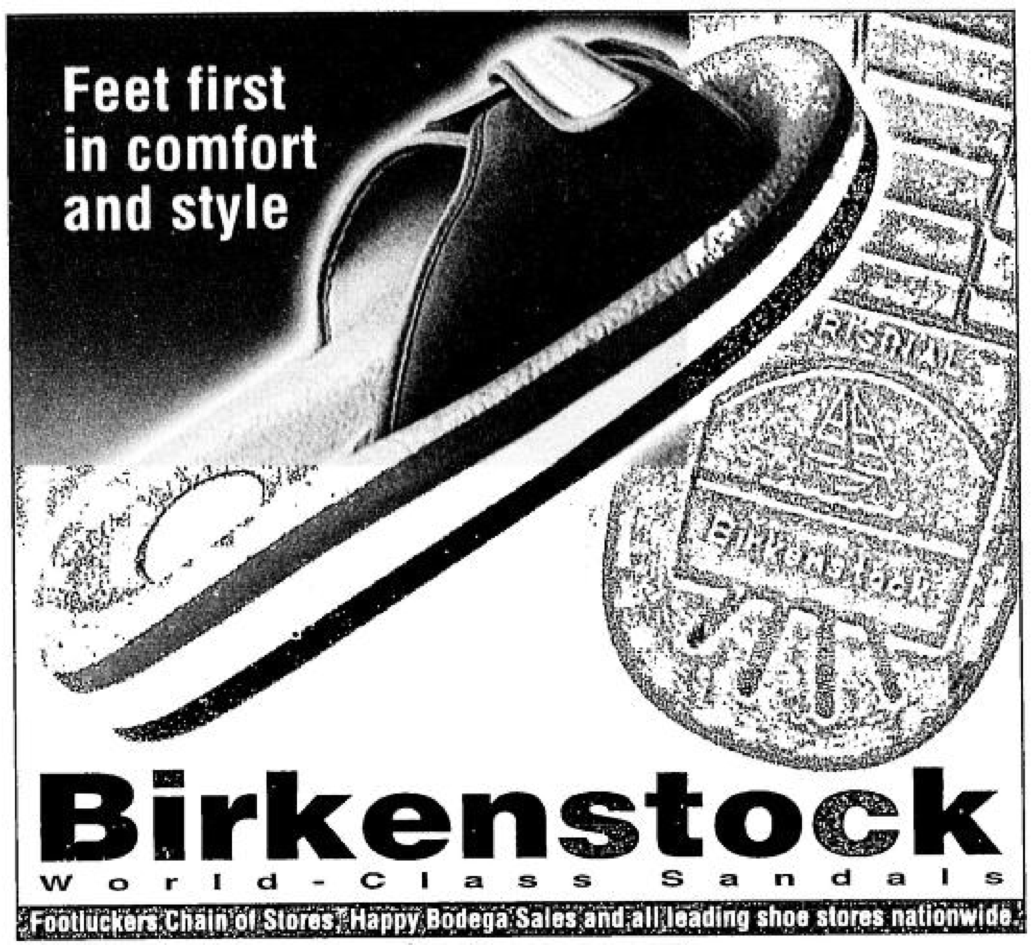
Other members of the champion relay team are Julie Rose Forbes and Mercedita Manipol.

Athletics chief Go Teng Kok who had expected more records to fall said he was considerably satisfied with the results.

"There were circumstances we could not control, like the injuries of most of our national athletes," said Go.

Only Narcisa Atienza managed to rewrite the national high jump mark to 1.78m in winning the silver medal Thursday. The 22-year-old Atienza also owned the old mark of 1.75m.

A national record in the boys' 4x400m was reset by the Zamboanga City Team A which posted a time of 42.42 seconds in bowing to the Thai relay team last Friday, thereby surpassing the 43.03 seconds plateau set last year.



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Mexican snaps women's world 300-m record

MEXICO CITY—Mexico's Ana Gabriela Guevara broke the 300m world record running 35.30 seconds at the Grand Prix Banamex on Saturday.

Last year's world number one broke the old mark of 35.46secs set by England's Kathy Cook in August 1984.

European champion Ionela Tirlea, of Romania, was second in 36.20 while Olympic 400m gold medal winner Cathy Freeman of Australia finished third in 36.42secs.

The 25-year-old Guevara, who is considered one of Mexico's finest athletes, was all smiles after the race waving a Mexican flag and thanking the crowd for their support. She collected a string of nine straight victories in 2002.

The 300m is not contested at the Olympics but Guevara can use this as a confidence booster for the 400m which she plans to run at the Athens Olympics in 2004.

Her victory Saturday took place in front of 40,000 people at the high-altitude Olympic Stadium which was the site of the 1968 Games.

She will tune up for the Athens games by competing this year at the Pan-American Games and World Championships in Paris in August.

In the men's 100m, Canada's Nicholas Macrozonaris upset American world record holder Tim Montgomery to win in 10.03 seconds. *AFP*

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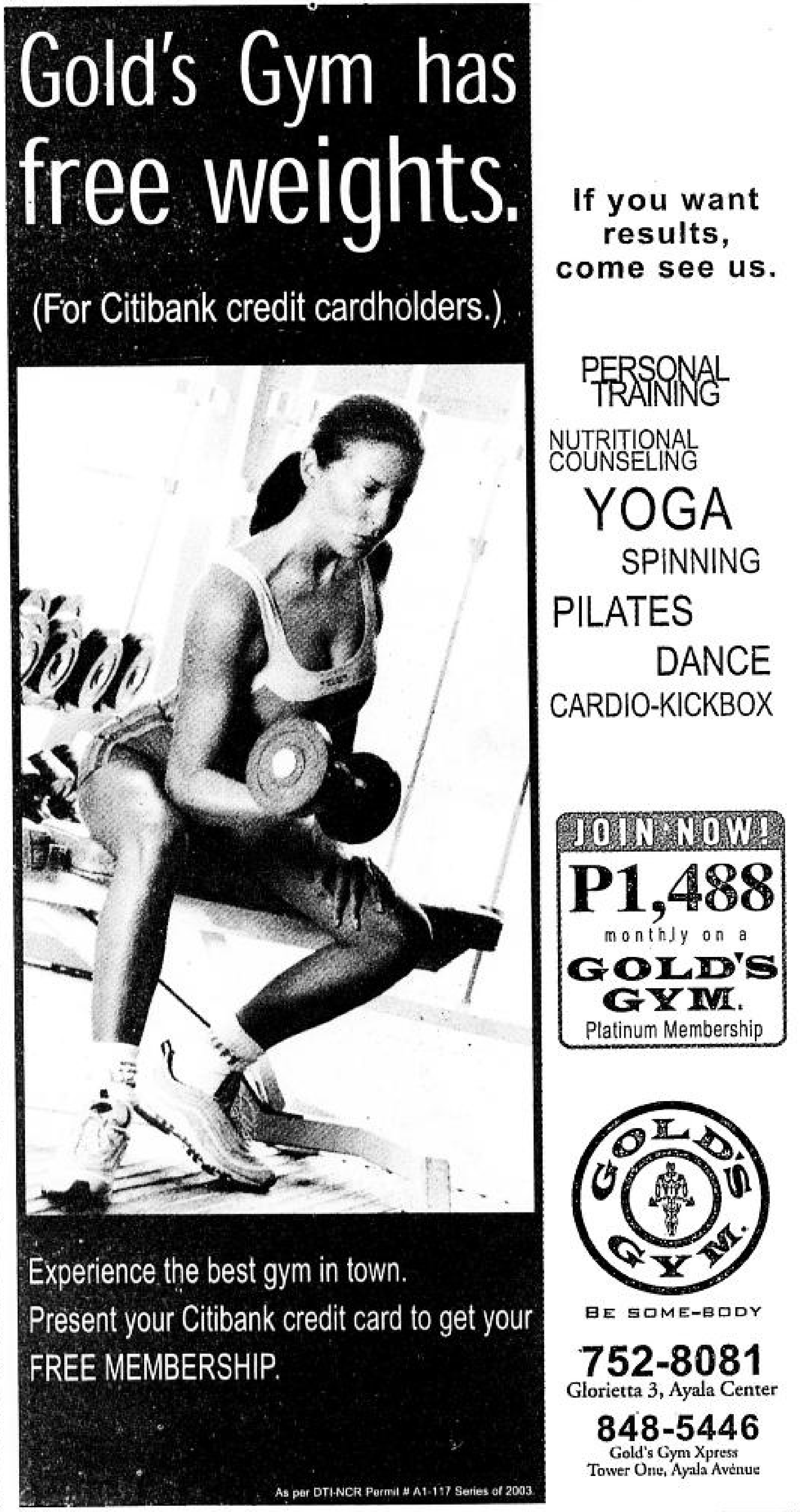

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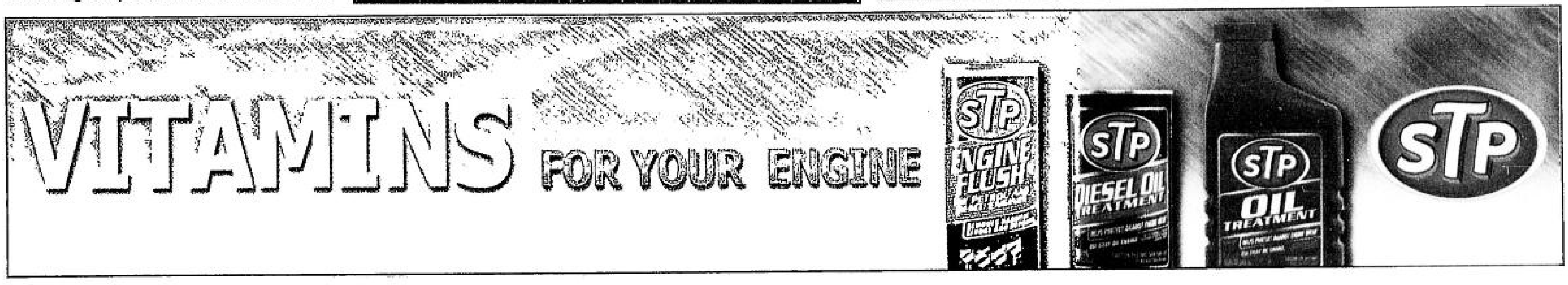

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Who'll stop Superal?

ALL eyes will be on Wolen Juan Superal when the Samsung Jungolf Tour moves to Sherwood Hills Golf and Country Club course in Trece Martirez, Cavite for the fifth leg today.

The 10-year-old Superal will be coming off a record-breaking performance in last week's Orchard leg where he scored three successive subpar rounds and set a hail of scoring marks.

Superal, who routed the field anew with his rounds of 65-64-70-199 that are now considered benchmarks in the junior tour, will be eyeing his sixth consecutive title counting the PAL Junior Interclub season-opener.

Reigning world champion Dottie Ardina, Bino dela Paz, Miko Alejandro, Kristina Potenciano and the other big guns of the circuit are also set to return to action. They took the previous week off after clinching their slots in the Junior World team in the qualifying played at Southwoods.

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MOSLEY UP NEXT

De La Hoya keeps WBC crown

LAS VEGAS—Oscar De La Hoya gave Yory Boy Campas a beating, then made a promise to Shane Mosley.

Good enough to dominate a faded Campas, De La Hoya knows he'll have to be even better when he meets Mosley in a Sept. 13 rematch.

"That's the fight I want. That's the fight when I'll be my best," De La Hoya said. "Don't worry, Shane."

Mosley was among those at ringside Saturday night watching De La Hoya give a systematic pounding to a game but outclassed Campas. He was never able to knock Campas down, but the challenger's corner finally stopped the fight at 2:54 of the seventh round.

De La Hoya (36-2, 28 knockouts) successfully defended his WBC 154-pound (69.3-kilogram) title, winning in a fight that proved as lopsided once it started as it looked before the two fighters even entered the ring.

Against an opponent handpicked to give him a good tune-up before he seeks to avenge Mosley's win over him three years ago, De La Hoya got just what he was looking for in a fight that also earned him some $11 million.

"I got what I wanted," De La Hoya said. "I got a win, got good work, and my right hand was better."

Campas was a 25-1 underdog who kept coming forward, but took a beating doing it. He never went down, but his face was red and swollen and he was getting hit by almost everything De La Hoya threw when his cornermen came on the ring apron and asked referee Vic Drakulich to stop the fight.

De La Hoya's dominance was reflected in ringside punching stats that had him landing 264 punches to 75 for Campas.

"He was just too fast, I could not get inside on him," Campas said. "I could not get any rhythm with this guy."

DE LA Hoya rocks Campas with a right to the head.

De La Hoya said he hurt his left hand early in the fight and fought slower than he would have liked. Still, he was happy with the results.

Though Campas never went down, he had trouble keeping his mouthpiece in his mouth. He lost it six times, prompting Drakulich to take a point from him in the sixth round.

It didn't really matter, though, because Campas wasn't in the fight anyway.

De La Hoya weighed the 154-pound (69.3-kilogram) class limit. Campas, 153½ (69 kilograms), was paid $100,000 in his official contract, but made more from Mexican television rights. *AP*

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Schumacher drives new Ferrari to victory in Spain

BARCELONA, Spain—Five-time world champion Michael Schumacher resisted the intense pressure of Spanish racer Fernando Alonso to clinch his second successive victory of the season on Sunday when he won the Spanish Grand Prix.

Schumacher, driving the new Ferrari, led from start to finish and saw both the McLarens of Kimi Raikkonen and David Coulthard crash out in a dramatic afternoon at the Circuit de Catalunya.

But if he thought the misfortune of his traditional rivals would make for an easier afternoon, he was mistaken.

Alonso, the 21-year-old Renault driver racing in front of a passionate home crowd, pushed the German all the way to the finish after starting from third on the grid and was just 5.7 seconds behind at the checkered flag.

Although he had to eventually settle for second place, Alonso managed to hammer home his message and boost his growing reputation by relegating the other Ferrari of Rubens Barrichello to third place.

The Spaniard chipped away at Schumacher's lead in the later stages of the race reducing the advantage to just over five seconds at one stage although that gap increased to over six after the final round of three pit stops with 15 laps left.

Schumacher is now in second place in the championship with 28 points, four behind Raikkonen after five races in the 16-event series.

Incredibly, Alonso is now third in the championship with 25 points.

McLaren suffered a miserable race with world championship leader Kimi Raikkonen as well as David Coulthard crashing out.

Raikkonen's McLaren smashed into the Jaguar of Antonio Pizzonia on the start grid while Coulthard spun off on the 17th lap after trying and failing to get past fellow Briton Jenson Button in the BAR.

Raikkonen had started from the back of the grid having failed to set a qualifying time on Saturday but he was immediately ruled out when he hit Pizzonia's car which had stalled on the grid. *AFP*

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Labor suits seen spoiling RP's Iraq bid

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

DON'T pop those champagne bottles yet for a Philippine bonanza from Iraq's $100-billion post-war reconstruction. Contract disputes between American prime contractors and Philippine labor groups are threatening to spoil the country's chances of landing deals in war-ravaged Iraq.

"It's definitely a concern but we are working toward resolving this before the President's US trip," said Roberto Romulo, chair of the Philippine Public-Private Sector Partnership for the Reconstruction and Development of Iraq. The President is scheduled to sit down with American contractors on May 21 during her 4-day state visit.

Philippine Constructors Association Inc. (PCA) executive director Manolito P. Madrasto told the INQUIRER that the labor cases have been raised every time by American prime contractors during their discussions with the task force officials.

The labor cases filed with the National Labor Relations Council involve Bechtel Corp. and Halliburton-KBR (Kellogg Brown & Root)—the top 2 companies poised to get the most spoils from the Iraq war because of their connections with Washington.

Bechtel and its local partner EEI Corp. have appealed an NLRC decision for the payment of $6.5 million to 630 Filipino workers they deployed in Algeria in 1995 to cover the unexpired portion of their contract. Bechtel had to abandon the project because of a war in Algeria but the Filipino laborers' counsel argued that the full contract should be honored and the workers compensated because it was signed in the Philippines.

Halliburton faces a bigger suit of $600 million from the same group which filed the case against Bechtel. Halliburton also had its hands full when some of the Filipino workers it hired for the construction of a 204-unit Detention Camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to hold prisoners from the US-Afghanistan war staged a strike to uphold their rights to form a union.

Madrasto explained that the labor disputes arose from the labor groups' insistence that Philippine labor laws should prevail no

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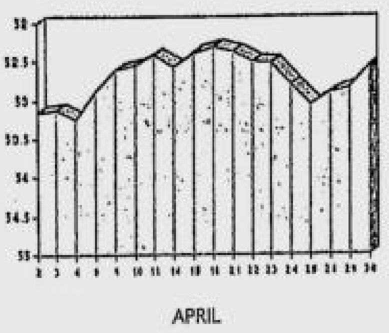

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STOCK MARKET

Upbeat mood seen as trading resumes

AFTER a long holiday weekend, the market is expected to resume trading with an upbeat mood as investors anticipate good first-quarter corporate earnings reports.

Traders added that the environment has started to recover from a string of negative concerns such as the outbreak of the killer virus SARS and the downgrade of the Philippine sovereign credit rating by Standard & Poor's.

Last week, the main-share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index managed to stay above the 1,040 support and closed 1.89 percent higher on Wednesday at 1,068.15, thus topping the previous week's close of 1,049.39.

"I think the market will still be bullish," said Eagle Equities president Joseph Roxas.

He said it was the time to pursue broad-based buying, riding on the market's positive momentum.

The most attractive stock picks for this week, Roxas said, would be Philippine Long Distance Telephone Corp. and EEI Corp. He noted that telecom and construction companies would be the biggest beneficiaries of possible deals arising from the reconstruction of post-war Iraq.

BPI Securities said investors

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BSP offers credit line to RP firms seeking Iraqi projects

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas is prepared to extend assistance to companies planning to help rebuild Iraq by opening its P20-billion rediscount facility to banks that would lend to these service exporters.

In March, monetary authorities opened its lending window to banks that would extend salary loans to families of overseas workers in the Middle East.

The central bank said its latest policy was in line with the request of local businesses interested in taking part in Iraq's reconstruction for some form of assistance from the government.

Earlier, the Philippine Export-Import Credit Agency or PhilExim approved the creation of a guarantee facility specifically for domestic businesses setting their sights on rebuilding war-torn Iraq.

PhilExim offers a performance guarantee to enhance the chances of a domestic company bidding for a project in Iraq.

"The central bank is prepared to extend assistance to banks that would loan to companies planning to take part in the Iraq effort. These activities could not only generate foreign exchange earnings for the country but also provide job opportunities for Filipino workers," said BSP Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco Jr.

As of end-March, the outstanding loan from the BSP rediscount window stood at P9.5 billion, up from P7.078 billion in end-2002.

What has not been used from the P20-billion BSP loan facility could be tapped by banks that would lend to local firms seeking business opportunities in Iraq.

Like the usual rediscount arrangement, banks could borrow from the BSP up to 80 percent of the value of the loan they extended. The rate is equivalent to the prevailing treasury bill yield minus one percentage point.

Experts estimated that Iraq's reconstruction would cost between $75 billion and $100 billion as several government facilities were destroyed.

Construction firms like DMCI

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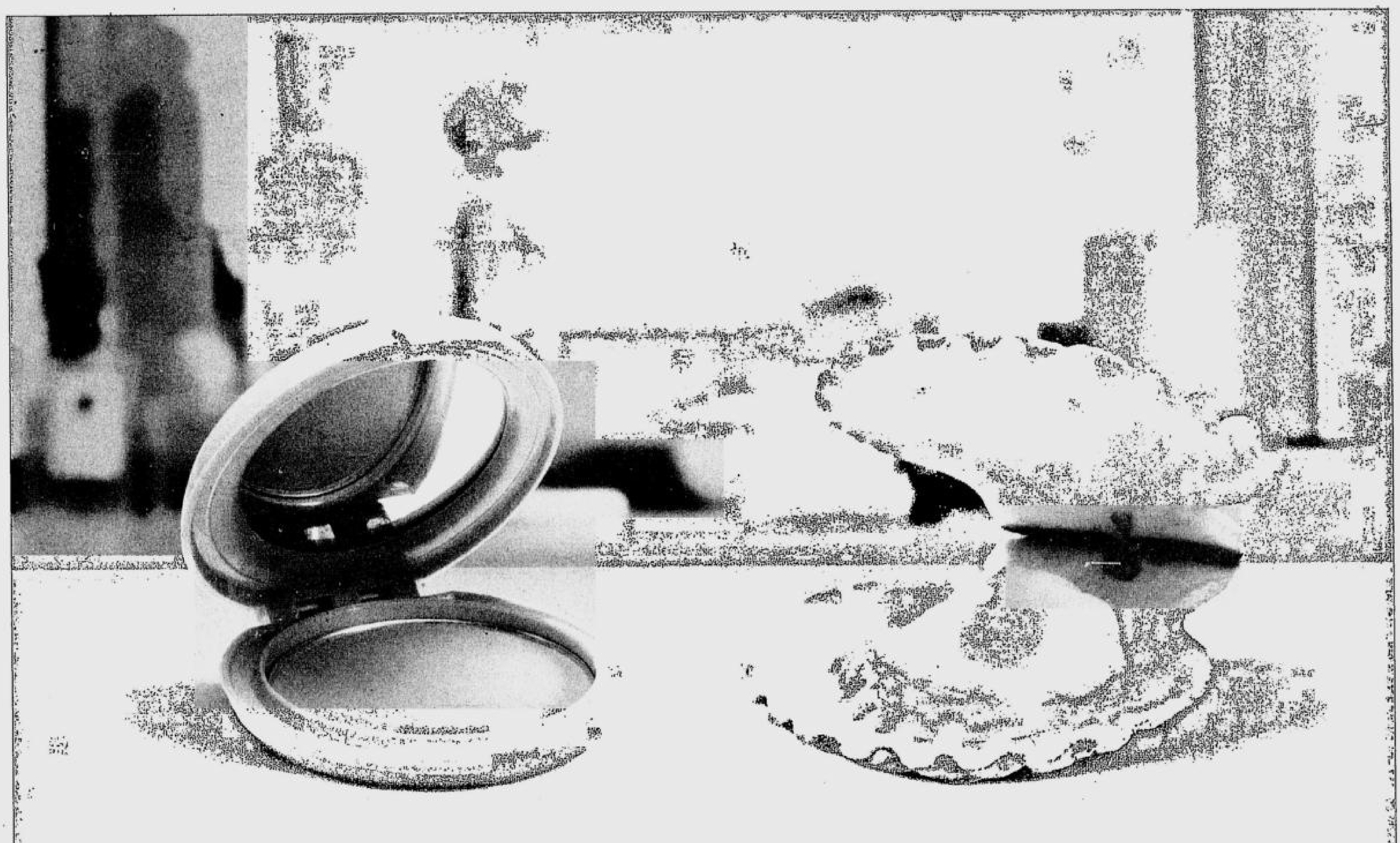
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Gov't plans to seek WTO mediation

As negotiations with Australia failed

By Christine Gaylican

THE PHILIPPINE government is set to file a case against Australia with the World Trade Organization (WTO) over a policy restraining the entry of Philippine bananas and pineapples into the Australian market.

The Department of Agriculture said the government was not satisfied with Canberra's justification of that policy and that bilateral negotiations seemed no longer workable to settle the issue amicably.

"We will now ask that a WTO dispute panel be constituted to resolve this issue," acting Agriculture Undersecretary for policy and planning Segfredo Serrano said in an interview last week.

For nearly a decade now, the Philippines has been protesting Australia's continued use of non-tariff barriers such as sanitary and phytosanitary regulations to restrict the entry of Philippine agricultural products, particularly fruits like pineapple and banana, into its market.

Had Australia been more reciprocal, Serrano said government projections showed that local banana exports to Australia could generate A$300 million yearly.

The agriculture department is confident of getting a favorable ruling from the WTO.

"The momentum is with us. We have a strong case that has the potential of dealing their import regime on fruits and vegetables that are inconsistent with WTO rules," Serrano said earlier.

Serrano said the country would pursue the case in the WTO by presenting scientific evidence showing that local production, risk management measures, fumigation, treatment and pre-shipment practices conformed with established international standards. The government, he said, was planning to question Australia's entire quarantine rules and legislation.

Late last year, the Department of Agriculture submitted two letters to David Herbert Spencer, Australian ambassador to the WTO, raising questions on that country's quarantine laws and the measures affecting the importation of fresh pineapple, fresh fruits and vegetables.

In both letters, the Philippines charged that Australia's Quarantine Act was inconsistent with its obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary or Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), and the agreement on Import Licensing Procedures. Serrano said Australia's quarantine laws violated the principles of free trade set by the WTO because of outdated provisions that were meant to keep out foreign competition before they could even start trade with Australia.

People's Patriotic Movement moving the wrong way

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

AT a recent dinner party, someone passed on to me a copy of an 82-page pamphlet of the People's Patriotic Movement (PPM). The pamphlet opens with a message from former Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani. Then follow 12 articles by Prof. Emmanuel Q. Yap, the guru of the movement. Some of the articles were written as far back as 1989. The pamphlet ends with the Magna Carta of Social Justice and Economic Freedom, which contains the Joint Resolution No. 2, approved by the sixth Congress back in 1969.

Yap has drawn up the five pillars of a strong and sovereign nation: (1) an industrialized national economy, (2) commitment to human values, social justice and sustainable development, (3) just and democratic government, (4) armed forces for national security and (5) commitment to cooperation and reciprocity, respect for sovereignty, non-aggression and non-interference in internal affairs, peaceful coexistence.

After telling us where we should be going, Yap fails to show us how to get there. On the contrary, he wants to move us back into the past.

His first article sets the tone for the rest of his writings. He rails against "the domination of global politics by the Western powers, of which we Filipinos have been acculturated for centuries..." I realize that we cannot turn our backs at history, but I just cannot forever hold a grudge against the Spaniards and the Americans. I am too busy taking care of the present and looking into the future.

Then, about 20 times in his articles, Yap rants about the growing threat of globalization. He froths in the mouth and rages, "Globalization policies—characterized by so-called free untrammeled market systems, free enterprise, removal of protection for national currencies, privatization, deregulation, withdrawal of government planning and authority on the national economy, decimation of the value and respect for citizenship, exposure of developing agricultural and manufacturing enterprises of weak nations to the destructive onslaughts of dumping of surpluses and of sunset industries from the industrially developed countries—all these cause so much misery and social distortions of hundreds of millions of people." What baloney!

It seems clear that Yap has not read the rules of the GATT-WTO, Uruguay Round. Globalization is another word for liberalization, a term that grew out of the WTO rules, agreed to by all members including the Philippines, to bring down tariffs or import duties. Cutting import duties results in lower prices for the Filipino consumer. What he saves, he will spend on something else. As a result, trade flourishes all around.

Insurance is the most liberalized industry here. About 10 years ago, the industry was opened to foreigners. An insurance company could enter in three ways: it can put up a wholly owned subsidiary, buy into a domestic company, or open a full-fledged branch. Brokers and adjusters were allowed in. Today, the industry is as robust and vibrant as ever before. The consumer is the big winner. He now chooses from a much wider array of products and services at lower prices. The price of fire insurance is about one-tenth of what it was 50 years ago. This is also because the Insurance Commission finally cancelled the license that the fire insurance cartel had for decades. In the sunlit uplands of a free and open market, the consumer wins out big in the end.

Yap betrays his communist leanings. In 2000, he wrote, "The fundamental reason for this economic peril (depression) is the fact that the world economy and most individual economies are dictated upon and controlled by those who have the money rather than by those in charge of real production." This is a basic communist tenet. And, Yap wrote this nine years after the great workers' paradise, that was the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), collapsed because it could no longer pay its coal miners and feed the population. Today, Russia is frantically transforming into a market economy and hopes to join WTO by next year, thereby joining the globalization movement.

Yap is a protectionist. I invite him to be a consumerist. In his writings, he never used the word consumer. He prefers a high tariff wall to protect local industries. But high tariffs mean high prices for the consumer. So, who pays for the protections of the local industries? Not the owners of the industries, but the consumer.

Finally, Yap wants us to go back to the policies approved by Congress 34 years ago. That is stepping back into the past. I prefer to take a bold step forward, with my eyes fixed into the future.

BIR collection in April exceeded goal by ₱1B

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue surpassed its revenue collection target in April of P47.423 billion by P1 billion as of last Wednesday, Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno said noting that this was the first time this year that the agency had surpassed its monthly target.

"Our performance for the month of April was phenomenal because aside from surpassing the target, preliminary reports from BIR regional directors indicate that we will likely hit the P50 billion mark this month," said Parayno in an interview.

Should the BIR indeed hit P50 billion in its April collection, Parayno said that would mark the highest monthly collection to be recorded in its entire history.

"We knew as early as the middle of the month that we were going to have a good collection. But while we were confident that we would surpass last year's figure, we were not sure, prior to the latest collection report, whether we would hit April's target," said Parayno.

The P47.423-billion target for last month was 12 percent or P5 billion higher than last year's actual collection of about P42 billion.

Parayno said that as a result of the initial April collection figure, the total revenue growth for the first four months of the year as against 2002 was already about 10 percent. He added that to reach the full-year goal of P424 billion, the bureau needed to increase its collections by 7.6 percent from last year's figures.

The BIR recorded shortfalls in its revenue collection as against targets in the first three months of the year.

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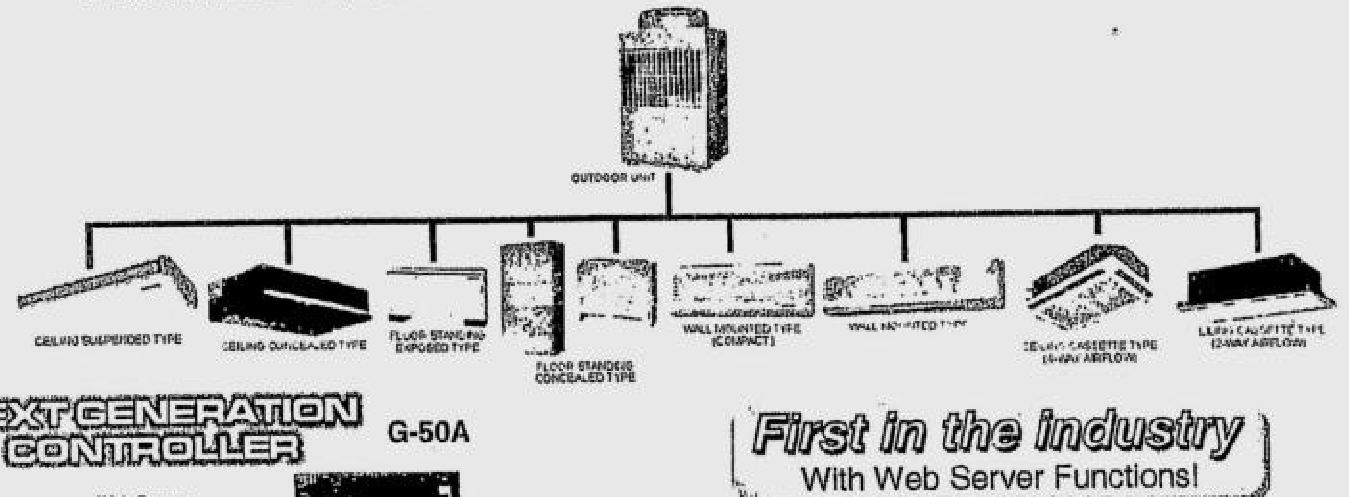

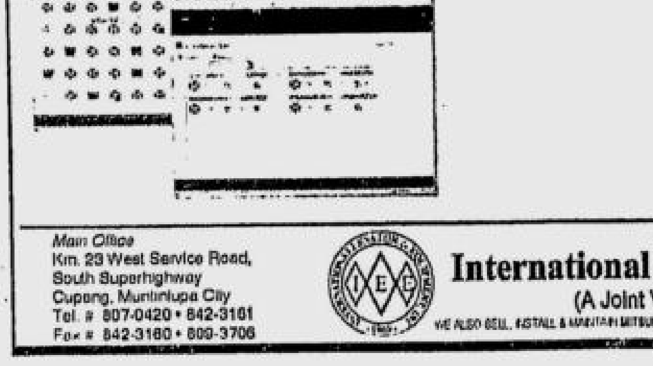

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US company to invest ₱2.2B in Laguna project

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SUNPOWER Corp., a subsidiary of American chipmaker Cypress Semiconductor Corp., is pumping in P2.2 billion for the production of solar wafer cells—cutting-edge, silicon opto-electronic devices for telecommunication and industrial gadgets—in Laguna.

Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II said SunPower has been given a guarantee by the state-owned Trade and Investment Development Corp. (Tidcorp) to convince the firm to put up its Asian factory in the Philippines instead of India.

The project, which is expected to generate 760 new jobs, has also been registered with the the Philippine Economic Zone Authority to entitle it to duty-free perks on imports and preferred taxes.

SunPower was among several American companies that expressed interest in investing in the Philippines during President Macapagal-Arroyo's US visit last year.

In that meeting, SunPower president Richard Swanson pledged to invest up to $200 million for a solar cell manufacturing project in the Philippines that would open up jobs for up to 1,400 people.

. Cypress Semiconductor Corp., which acquired 44 percent of SunPower in May last year, had likewise told the President of its plan to develop a silicon wafer fabrication plant in the Philippines.

The establishment of a wafer fabrication factory in the Philippines is expected to spur the backward integration of the semiconductor and electronics industry, the country's largest exporter, which was currently concentrated in assembly and testing and high-tech, labor intensive activities.

Based on the Competitive Landscape study undertaken by Deloitte Consulting for the Semiconductor and Electronic Industries of the Philippines Inc. (Seipi), the industry is aiming to quadruple its exports to $100 million by 2008 with its diversification into other sectors such as a low-end wafer fabrication, design and product engineering.

Nextel ownership probe starts this week

By Abigail L. Ho

THE CONGRESSIONAL probe on the ownership structure of trunk radio operator Next Mobile Phil. Inc., formerly Nextel Communications Philippines Inc., will start Wednesday to determine whether or not the firm is actually operating in violation of the constitutional cap on foreign ownership of utilities.

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles said the House committees on transportation and communications and legislative franchises would finally start hearing the case in response to his and Northern Samar Rep. Harlin Cast Abayon's call to look into the fine details of the company's ownership.

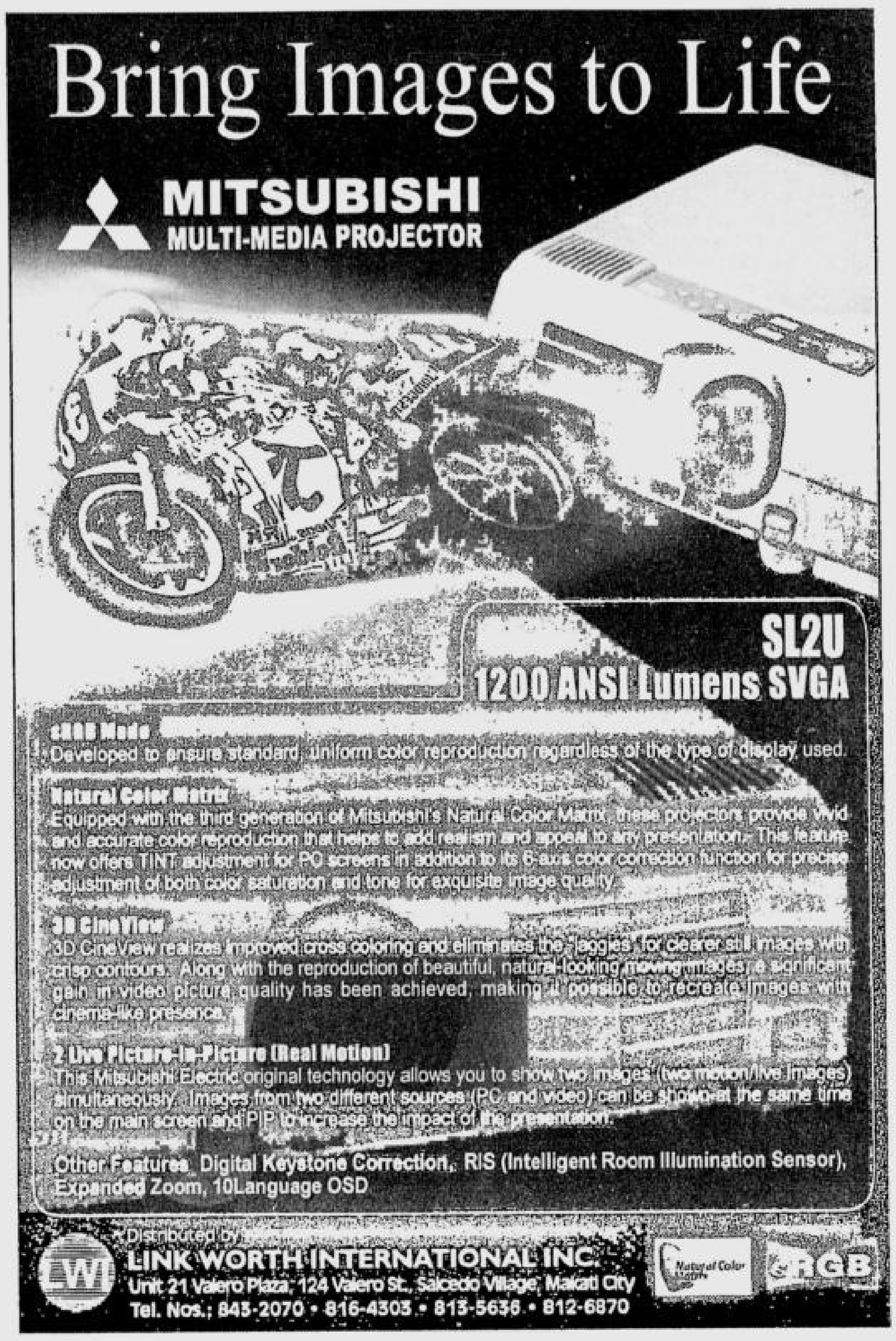
Nograles said he had with him some documentary evidence that proved "too credible to ignore," and that these could possibly lead to the revocation of Next Mobile's franchise if taken as enough evidence against it.

He added that former Nextel president Antonio Urera had a sworn statement that attested to the firm's being 87.7-percent owned by foreign telecommunications firm Nextel International Inc.

Although the Constitution only allowed up to 40 percent of a utility to be owned by a foreign entity, Urera's sworn affidavit said NII had already gone beyond this cap by using "dummy corporations."

Nextel was launched in 1996 after NII bought Hong Kong-based firm Top Mega, which held a 30-percent stake in local telecom firm Infocom Network Inc. (ICNI).

But Next Mobile legal counsel Justinian Adviento stressed that the company never went beyond the constitutional cap as foreign ownership in the firm was really only 40 percent.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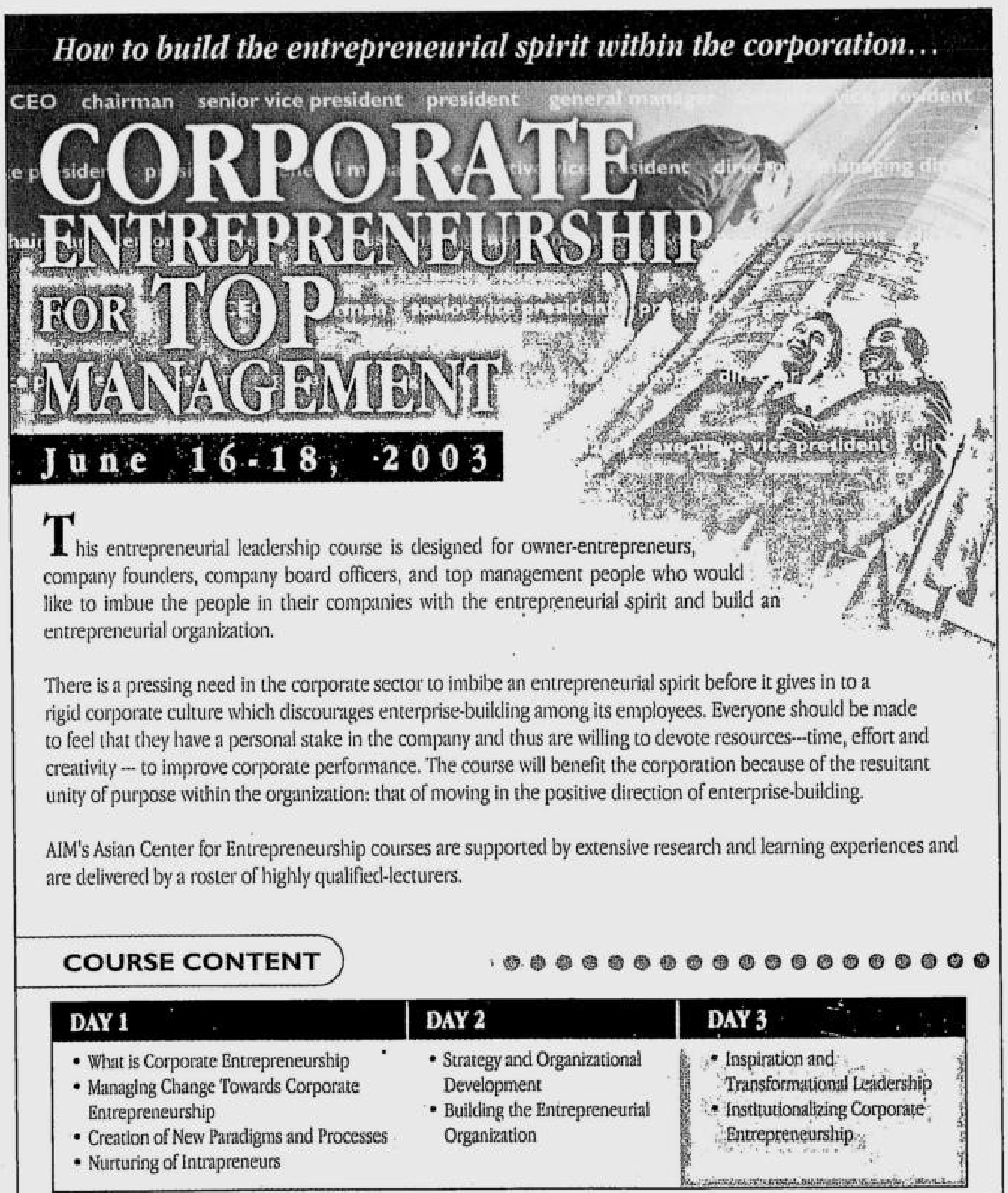
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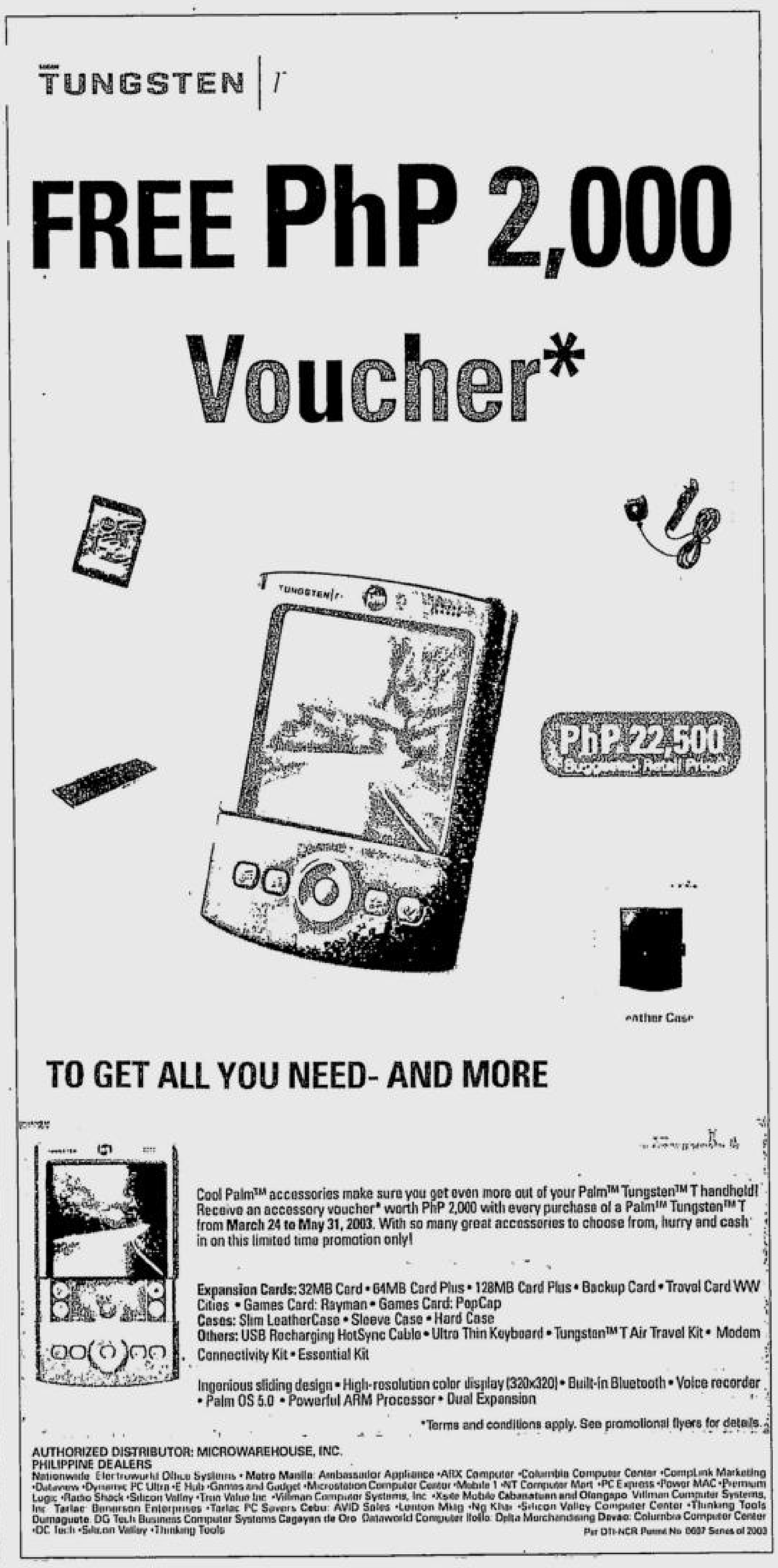
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Nenaco profit hits ₱10M

NEGROS Navigation Co. Inc., the shipping arm of Metro Pacific Corp., posted a profit of P10.5 million in the first quarter of this year, or more than double last year's comparative profit of P4.9 million, as a result of extraordinary income.

In its quarterly financial report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission last week, the company said the extraordinary income of P7 million for the quarter pertained to claims on lost revenue opportunity caused by the impounding of Nossa Senhorra de Fatima in Batangas.

Nenaco said total revenue for the quarter increased by 2 percent to P605 million mainly because of higher earnings of its passage business.

A rate increase implemented in December more than offset the decline in passage volume but freight volume declined.

"Passage revenues for the succeeding quarter are expected to significantly increase brought about by the influx of passengers during the summer season. Freight business remains constant all throughout the year," Nenaco said.

However, the gains from the rise in passenger revenue were eroded by operating costs, which grew 5 percent to P512 million, and general and administrative expenses, which increased 15 percent to P65 million.

In terms of cash flow, Nenaco said it posted a deficit of P13 million for the period.

Moving forward, Nenaco said that it was pursuing its mission of modernizing its fleet and upgrading of cargo handling equipment through either acquisition of new units or major rehabilitation of existing ones "with the ultimate objective of improving freight revenue and reducing maintenance and rental costs." *Elena R. Torrijos*

Gov't set to cancel treasury bond floats worth ₱20B

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOVERNMENT said it would cancel P20 billion worth of treasury bond floats slated for the last two months of the year if it succeeded in raising at least P60 billion from the sale of three- and five-year retail bonds in June.

National Treasurer Sergio Edeza said the Bureau of Treasury had started to revisit the government's borrowing program and indications showed that it could scrap all regular bond auctions in the last two months of the year.

The auction committee led by the Treasury sells about P3.5 billion worth of bonds weekly. It usually floats a little more than P20 billion worth of treasury bonds during the last two months of the year.

Of the P198.551 billion programmed for borrowing this year, the government intends to raise P95.281 billion from foreign markets and the rest from local sources.

Originally scheduled for April, the sale of retail treasury bonds or RTBs was moved to June as the government has yet to finalize the documents for the borrowing.

Edeza said the government was looking to sell at least P20 billion worth of RTBs but it was not ruling out an increase in the amount. The government has so far sold more than P100 billion worth of retail bonds since May 2001. Last year, P23.27 billion worth of three-year and P39.66 billion worth of five-year RTBs were sold.

The government floated P15.6 billion worth of four-year RTBs in May 2001 and another P22.4 billion worth of three-and-a-half bonds in November.

Floating retail bonds, according to Edeza, provides the government another funding outlet outside the regular treasury bills.

The 91-day treasury bill rate went up to 7.434 percent last Monday.

The retail bond issue will be underwritten by state-owned lenders Land Bank of the Philippines and Development Bank of the Philippines.

A retail investor can buy a minimum of P5,000 worth of RTB and a maximum of P2 million.

The returns are to be paid every quarter and like any other government debt paper, the RTBs are subjet to a final withholding tax and documentary stamp tax.

The three-year RTBs sold in June 2002 offered a yield of 11.75 percent while the five-year bonds carried a coupon rate of 12.375 percent.

Without the P63 billion raised through the RTBs in June 2002, the Treasury could have been forced to accept higher bids in its regular treasury bill and bond auctions, which could have pushed domestic interest rates up.

While meant to raise funds to help finance the government's budget deficit, the RTBs should also help improve the country's poor savings rate, said a government official.

The national savings rate as a percentage of gross national product declined from 29 percent in 2000 to 21.9 percent in 2001 although it went up slightly to 22 percent last year.

The Macapagal administration wants to improve the savings rate in the country but with very low interest rates on deposits, people are not encouraged to save.

Labor suits...

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matter where the projects were located or what the conditions were in these sites. Bechtel has been awarded a $37-million contract for emergency repair of Iraq's roads and bridges, power and water utilities, and schools and hospitals which could balloon to $650 million over the next five years depending on the extent of damage in Iraq. Halliburton-KBR got a $43.4-million contract to repair and sustain the operations of Iraq's oil infrastructure. Romulo has held separate meetings with officials of both companies to lobby for Philippine contractors.

Madrasto said the American contractors were wary of signing new deals with Philippine companies until the labor problems that arose from past contracts were ironed out. The PCA has already cautioned the President against meeting with the US contractors without a clear resolution to the issues.

Madrasto said this was unfortunate because these "irritant suits" could overshadow the Philippines' advantage in Iraq's post-war reconstruction such as a long history of partnerships with American companies in Middle East projects and its vast pool of English-speaking, skilled labor force.

Romulo said Iraq's reconstruction offered the best opportunity for the Philippines' skill labor because prime contractors have first-hand experience with Philippine contractors. Romulo said that prime contractors accounted for only 30 percent of the manpower for core activities with the rest to be outsourced from other countries such as the Philippines.

As a staunch participant in the Coalition of the Willing, Romulo said the Philippines would have a good chance at getting subcontracts for projects funded by the US government, which would prioritize providers from coalition countries.

Madrasto noted that the Philippine contractors were also notable for their extensive hiring of Iraqis in overseas projects unlike other contractors that preferred Palestinians. This could be a decisive advantage considering that there were 6 million jobless Iraqis and that the US government wanted to prioritize Iraqis in reconstruction hiring.

Madrasto said that while the Philippines was widely perceived as the preferred supplier of American contractors, more than 100 other countries are courting the Americans for Iraq post-war contracts. "We cannot just sit on our laurels and wait for the contracts to come to us. We have to establish ourselves early in order to position ourselves for the bigger work ahead," Madrasto said.

Madrasto said they have relayed their concerns to the President who understood the gravity of the situation which could affect the future deployment of Filipino workers.

"The US contractors could blackball us if we don't address these problems soon. That is unthinkable for a country that depends extensively on overseas construction and engineering work," Madrasto said.

BSP offers ...

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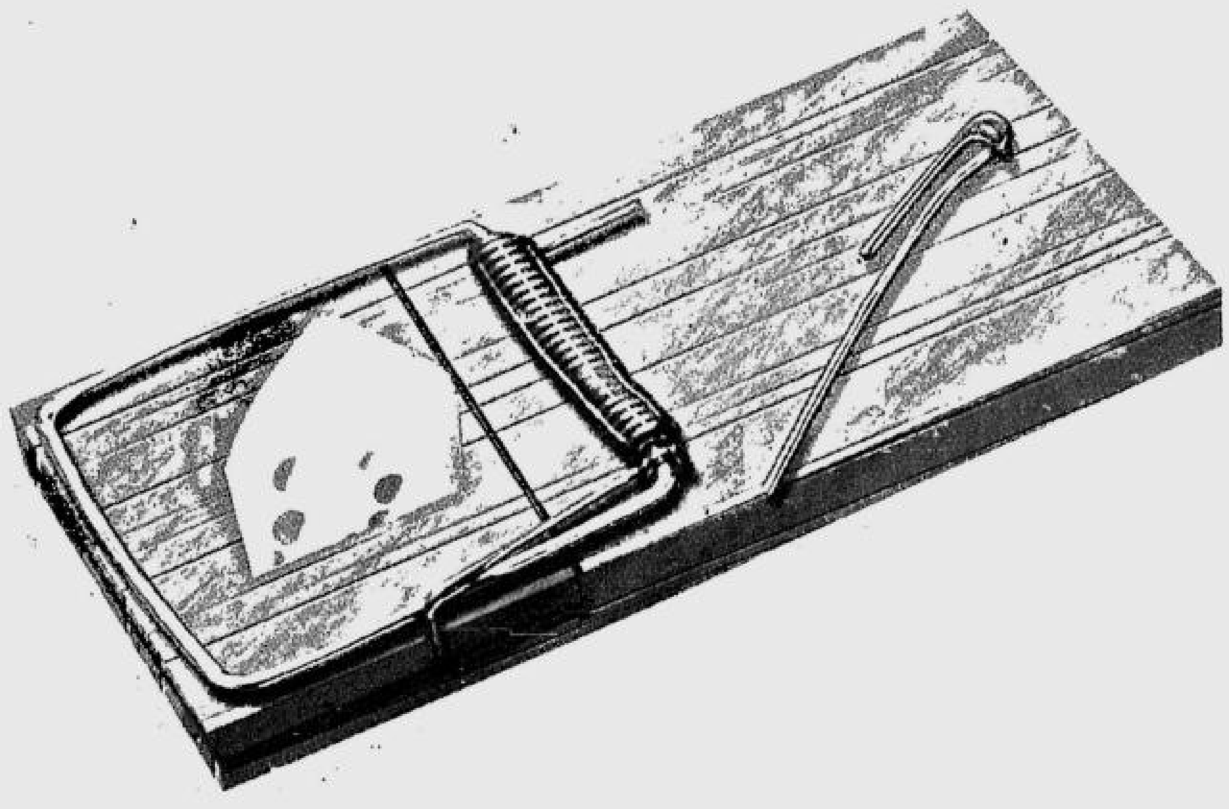
Holdings Inc. of the Consunji family and EEI Corp. of the Yuchengco group have stepped up their hiring and training of personnel in anticipation of a huge demand for construction workers. EEI, according to business leader Donald Dee, has hired 400 new workers for the anticipated requirements of its Middle East operations.

Aside from jobs and infrastructure, the Philippines is also looking at opportunities to supply food and other commodities to the war-ravaged country.

State-run Philippine International Trading Corp. is exploring an oil-for-food swap as well.



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BSP says current account may post deficit of $10M this year

THE COUNTRY'S current account, an indicator reflecting trade performance, is seen to register a deficit of about $10 million this year, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Based on estimates made by the BSP in February or before the US-Iraq war, the current account this year could range from a deficit of $10 million to a surplus of $25 million. The deficit anticipated the increase in crude oil prices due to the war in Iraq.

The current account figures for 2002 will be released by the central bank this week following the results of the government's trade data revisions for last year.

A ranking BSP official said that last year's current account was estimated to range from "a slight deficit to a slight surplus."

Current account covers trade in goods and services, net rent, interest, profits and dividends. It also includes transfers such as overseas workers' remittances.

The balance-of-payments surplus for 2003 was calculated to range from $100 million to $200 million this year from a surplus of $660 million last year. The BSP stressed there would be no changes in the BOP numbers.

The BOP indicates the country's ability to settle its obligations and is influenced by the current account and the capital and financial account, which mirrors the flow of investments and borrowings.

A BSP official said that the current account and BOP estimates this year might be revised as factors affecting them, such as crude prices, had changed.

Foreign bank HSBC estimated that for every dollar decrease in crude oil prices, the Philippines' current account would improve by $135 million equivalent to 0.2 percent of the gross domestic product.

NTC urged to issue TRO on 3 cable firms

By Abigail L. Ho

GMA Network Inc. has asked the National Telecommunications Commission to issue a cease and desist order on SkyCable Central CATV Inc., Philippine Home Cable Holdings Inc. and Pilipino Cable Corp. on charges of monopoly and signal degradation.

In an administrative complaint filed with the NTC on April 29, GMA Network pointed out that the three cable firms and their affiliates held a commanding 71-percent share of the market, "leaving behind an insignificant market share for the small operators and in the process destroying the free market competition."

"At the latest count of GMA, the monopoly combination has under its control at least 35 companies, inclusive of companies whose licenses were bought by the group in Valenzuela, Bulacan; San Pedro, Laguna and in Baguio City," GMA said in the complaint.

"It controls at least 71 percent of Mega Manila consisting of Metro Manila, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite and Bulacan, as well as other key areas like Cebu City, Tarlac, Baguio, Davao, Naga, Dumaguete, General Santos, Iloilo and Ilocos Region," it added.

Based on initial findings by law firm Belo, Gozon, Elma, Parel, Asuncion & Lucila, Sky Vision Corp. owned 99.9 percent of SkyCable, the officers of which included president Eugenio Lopez III and managing director (until November 2002) Carlos Tria Jr.

SkyCable, the dominant Metro Manila cable TV operator, consolidated its operations with then second largest player Home Cable, further increasing its foothold in the Metro Manila area. The entity formed is now known as Beyond Cable Holdings Inc.

Pilipino Cable, which services the Bulacan area, is owned by Sky Vision (10.57 percent), Telemondial Holdings Inc. (53.49 percent) and Central CATV (35.94 percent). Its officers also include Lopez, Tria and Gabriel R. Singson Jr.

Singson also has a 1.11-percent stake in Sun Cable Holdings, a company partly owned by the family of Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo Jr. and family corporation Lapanday Holdings Corp. Sun Cable serves the Cainta and Antipolo areas.

"The foregoing findings validate our thesis of interlocking equity ownership and operational control among the cable companies under the Home Cable and SkyCable groups. This consolidation situation is a virtual monopoly," the initial findings stated.

Aside from urging the NTC to issue a cease and desist order against the cable firms, the country's second largest broadcasting firm also sought the nullification of the cable firms' consolidation.

UBP, Sta. Lucia to develop 64-ha Cavite property

By Doris C. Dumlao

UNION Bank of the Philippines, the banking arm of the Aboitiz conglomerate, has tied up with Sta. Lucia Realty and Development Corp. to develop a 64-hectare foreclosed property in Dasmariñas, Cavite, into a residential community.

UnionBank president Victor Valdepeñas told reporters that the joint venture with the property developer was part of the bank's efforts to unlock value from its real and other properties owned and acquired (ropoa).

"We are more aggressive in disposing of our ropoas not through SPAVs (special purpose asset vehicles) but through our own internal marketing initiatives," Valdepeñas said.

He said the bank would rather enter into joint venture agreements with developers like Sta. Lucio rather than sell ropoas to SPAVs at a steep discount.

UnionBank's ropoa has been stable at about P4.7 billion over the past few years, he said.

Also, the banker said the joint venture would allow UnionBank to expand its loan portfolio by providing built-in financing with liberal terms to buyers of the property.

In the case of the venture with Sta. Lucia, Valdepeñas said the bank's contribution would be the land, which would be developed into a residential community.

"The memorandum of agreement has been signed. We are now finalizing the masterplan," he said.

The land contributed by UnionBank was "hundreds of millions of pesos worth" while development cost would be at P1,000 per square meter, Valdepeñas estimated.

Mapfre increases stake in RP unit

CORPORACION Mapfre, the holding company of Sistema Mapfre of Spain, said that it had acquired the 40-percent stake of First Metro Investment Corp., worth P170 million, in Mapfre's local business unit, Mapfre Asian Insurance Corp.

The acquisition increased Corporacion Mapfre's stake in Mapfre Asian from 53.3 percent to 93.3 percent.

The move reflects Corporacion Mapfre's confidence in the Philippines despite the difficult market conditions.

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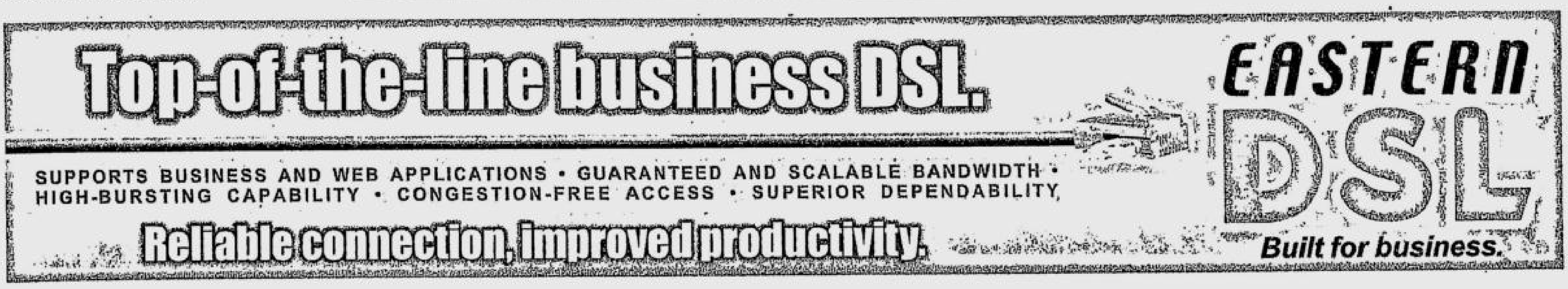
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Land Bank income up 10% to P1.65B in '02

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TALIBON, Bohol—Effective cost-cutting measures pushed the net income of the Land of the Philippines to P1.65 billion last year.

LBP president Margarito Teves said here that the net income last year was 10 percent higher than the 2001 income of P1.5 billion.

He attributed this to the 15 percent reduction in expenses that more than offset the 12 percent decline in revenues.

"The overall reduction in total expenses was mainly due to the lower cost of deposits from P5.2 billion to P3.7 billion," Teves explained.

The LBP president added that another key factor behind the increase in net income was the generation of low-cost deposits and improvement in loan quality.

Teves was here recently to grace the inauguration of the bank's new office at the newly completed public market.

He also signed a memorandum of agreement on cooperative strengthening with the provincial government and eight municipalities.

He revealed that LBP's move to increase loans to the agriculture and agrarian sectors has continued to gain momentum.

From 38 percent in 2001, Teves said LBP succeeded in reaching the targeted 45 percent share or a total of P50.7 billion fcr small farmers and fishers folk, small and medium scale enterprises and micro-enterprises.

Part of the loans also went to agribusiness, agri-infrastructure, agri-related projects and environmental conservation projects.

"Land Bank aims to further increase the share of its priority sectors' loan portfolio to 55 percent by the end of the year and 65 percent by the end of 2004," Teves bared.

He added that LBP loans to small farmers and fishers folk nationwide hit P13.4 billion in 2002 channeled through 1,328 cooperatives and 452 countryside financial institutions.

These loans, representing a four-percent increase from the P12.9 billion in 2001, benefited 356,000 small farmers and fishers folk.

Crisis hits tobacco town

By Jo Clemente
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SAN MANUEL, Tarlac—It is not the summer sun but tobacco magnate Lucio Tan that is bringing the heat on this tobacco growing town of Tarlac.

If Tan's Fortune Tobacco Corp. won't buy Tarlac's yield this year, who else will?

For almost a month now, more than 3 million kilograms of tobacco leaves worth more than P100 million are stocked up in the barns of the farmers and Fortune is not buying.

"It's like a plague, a calamity," said Mayor Reynaldo Malazo. "If this is not remedied, we are likely to declare a state of crisis here."

Malazo said he is looking at the possibility of banning Fortune Tobacco products (Hope and Champion cigarettes) in this town, if the crisis continues.

About 1,500 of the town's total 3,700 hectares are planted to tobacco during the dry months, said Malazo and if Fortune Tobacco is not buying this year's yield, more than 1,000 farmers and their families will be affected.

"Right now, we are already starting to feel the pinch. The town's economy is very much affected. Wala namang ibang bibili nito, sila lang (No other company will buy our produce, only Fortune Tobacco)," he said.

Fortune Tobacco, according to National Tobacco Administration (NTA) sources, opted to buy pure burley tobacco variety from China and about six million kilograms had just arrived.

The other cigarette manufacturing firm in the country, Lancaster (producer of Philip Morris), does not buy from independent tobacco producers as they are into contract farming.

Evangeline Almorte, supervising agriculturist of the NTA here, said their national office already met with Harry Tan, Fortune Tobacco Corp. chair and brother of Lucio Tan, but was told that they could not buy the town's produce this time because of its poor quality.

Almorte said chemists of Fortune Tobacco found salt content in the tobacco leaves which, she noted, affected the burning quality of the cigarettes that the company produced.

Last February, Elegado said the firm tested samples from its satellite trading centers from Tarlac to Ilocos and found salt in the leaves, so it ordered all its buying stations to buy only the middle leaf or fine leaf.

SM, Robinsons tenants found violating tax code

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Bureau of Internal Revenue has found several tenants of the SM City Pampanga and Robinsons Starmills here to have violated the tax code.

Antonio Montemayor, BIR regional director, said his office discovered the violations recently when they inspected establishments in the two shopping malls.

He said the.violations included the use of unauthorized cash registers, use of receipts not registered with the BIR Central Luzon office, and use of double sets of sales invoices.

Montemayor said the violators' unauthorized receipts and invoices have been confiscated and replaced with BIR-sanctioned documents.

He said the mall tenants would also be penalized for violating the tax code. He did not name the violators.

According to Montemayor, the campaign to improve collection of taxes is part of the agency's effort to achieve its P424 billion target this year. *Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Investors sue phone card firm

BAGUIO CITY--About 200 investors here filed estafa charges against the owners of a cellular phone card marketing firm after the firm failed to issue their weekly supply of pre-paid cell cards.

The charges against retired Army Sgt. Esteban Guerrero, his wife Carmencita and their three children were recently filed before the city prosecutor's office.

The Guerreros own the Linecard Unlimited Investment & Trading Corp Inc. here.

The company suspended operations after Guerrero was reported to have been robbed of P15 million in Sto. Tomas, La Union, on Feb. 27.

The company resumed operations in early April but shut down when it had no more cell card or cash to release, reports said.

The company has yet to re-open and investors said they could not locate Guerrero or his family members.

Some investors lamented that some government agencies have not acted on their complaint.

"We were told at the prosecutor's office that our affidavits of complaint (will be treated as only) pieces of paper unless the Department of Trade and Industry rules that (the operation of) Linecard is a pyramiding scam," they said.

Lawyer Annie Tesoro, chief of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Baguio extension office, has asked the regional office of the DTI here in February "to determine if Linecard's investment and marketing scheme is pyramiding or not."

Armando Galimba, DTI regional director, had referred Tesoro's letter to the Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection (BTRCP) at the DTI central office.

BTRCP, in turn, did not issue a preliminary assessment and instead returned the letter of inquiry to the DTI Benguet office in March.

Sam Gallardo, consumer arbitration officer of DTI Benguet, said they have prepared a subpoena for Guerrero. However, Gallardo said they could not serve the subpoena because they could not find Guerrero. *Jette Dumpayan, contributor*

Pilmico gets Halal certification

ILIGAN CITY—Mindanao flour miller Pilmico Foods Corporation (Pilmico) recently got a certification from the Philippine Islamic Da'awah Council (PIDC) that its products are *halal*.

PIDC only issues this certification after a thorough inspection of any firm's factory. A product certified as *halal*, Arabic for permitted, means it was produced using only ingredients not prohibited by Islam.

"Filipino Muslims need not worry about the Pilmico wheat flour or yeast they are buying from the supermarkets," Maria Fe Capistrano, Pilmico Marketing Director told the INQUIRER.

Some of its products given halal certifications are sold under brand names Wooden Spoon, Sun Moon Star, Kutitap, Gold Star and Megastar, Diamond Instant Dry Yeast and the Dry Yeast of Pilmico Mauri Foods.

Pilmico, formerly known as the Pillsbury Mindanao Flour Milling Company, began operations in Iligan City on Sept. 7, 1962 as part of the government's industrial dispersal program in the provinces.

The company, which is owned by the Aboitiz family, is now one of the country's leading flour millers. *Christine Godinez-Ortega, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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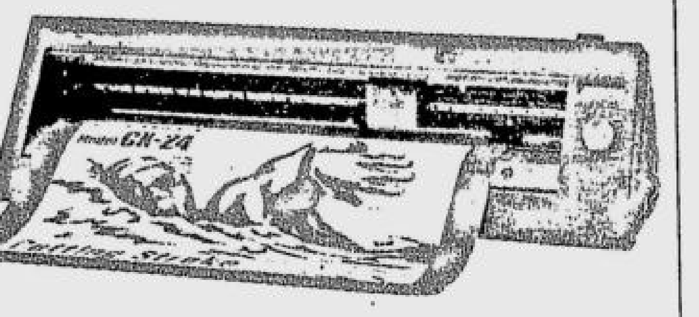

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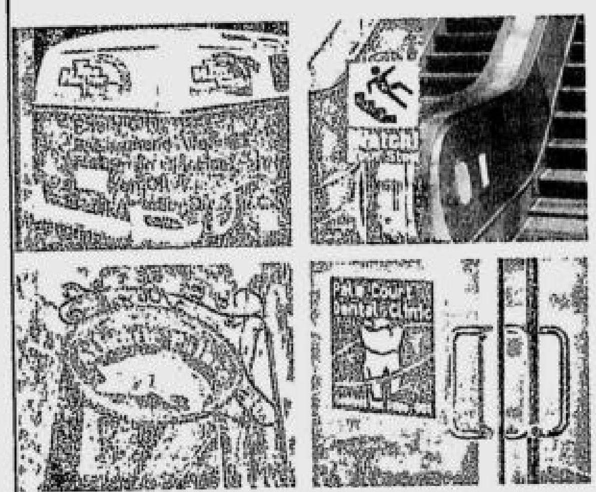

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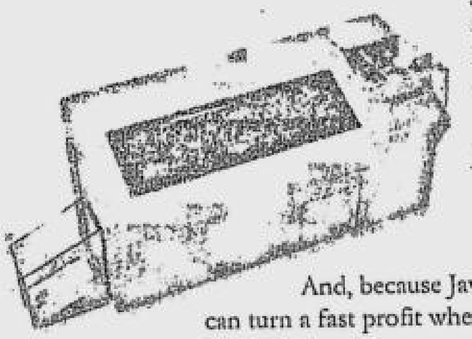

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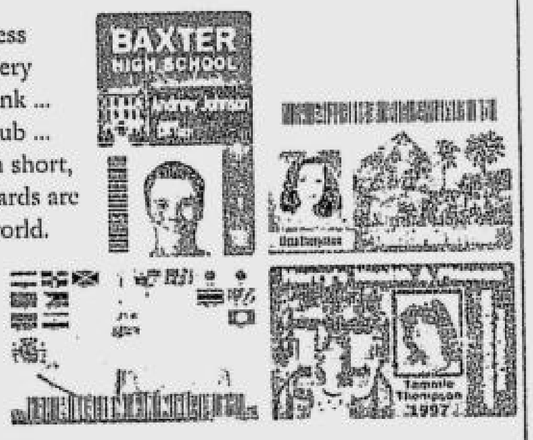

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Garment, textile exports surge 20%

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE COUNTRY'S exports of garments and textiles shot up 20 percent in the first quarter this year due to a rush of orders from quota markets in the United States and Europe, according to the Garments and Textile Export Board.

Based on data furnished by the GTEB, exports of apparel and fabrics climbed 19.25 percent to $714.74 million from January to March this year from $599.36 million a year ago.

The robust export data showed that the reforms initiated by the GTEB over the last 2 years to maximize quota utilization have started to bear fruit and were set to steer the industry to recovery this year. Garments and textile exports have fallen by an average of 6.5 percent in 2001 and 2002.

Sales to the United States, the world's biggest buyer of clothes and textiles, rose 21.27 percent to $529.73 million in the first 3 months this year from $436.83 million during the same period last year. The GTEB reported that US exports were positive across the board from apparel (up 12.5 percent to $462.6 million) to non-apparel (up 152 percent to $48 million) to textile (up 190 percent to $19.14 million).

Exports to another North American market, Canada, likewise grew 29 percent to $16.47 million in the first quarter from $12.8 million a year ago.

Exports to Europe, which also imposes a quota on garments and textiles, jumped 24.81 percent to $85.65 million. The top performer in the region was Germany where exports nearly doubled to $26.21 million in the first quarter this year.

Rounding up the top 5 export markets in Europe were Great Britain (up 1 percent to $24.89 million); Benelux (up 9 percent to $15.26 million); France (up 13.3 percent to $9.35 million); and Spain (up 13.5 percent to $3.91 million).

The GTEB said sales to non-quota markets inched up 2.22 percent to $82.9 million in the first quarter this year from $81.1 million last year. The top 5 non-quota markets were Japan (down 4 percent to $25.36 million); Hong Kong (up 29 percent to $7.8 million); Indonesia (up 95 percent to $4.94 million); Singapore (up 186 percent to $4.32 million), and United Arab Emirates (down 61 percent to $4.14 million).

BIR reviews benefits of shift to VAT

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue is reviewing whether the shift to the value-added tax scheme on banks and other financial institutions would indeed raise more revenue for the government in lieu of the gross receipt tax system, as the government initially expected.

In an interview, Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno Jr. said preliminary numbers showed that the bureau was able to collect an additional P17 million from VAT as of April 25 this year, as opposed to last year's collections through the GRT system.

But the commissioner said the additional revenue only showed an almost insignificant increase and added that it could be offset by claims of input tax credits later on.

"It seemed that there was a slight improvement on collections with VAT as against GRT, but the question would be whether this slight improvement would not be wiped out by succeeding claims of input VAT credits in the following months," he said.

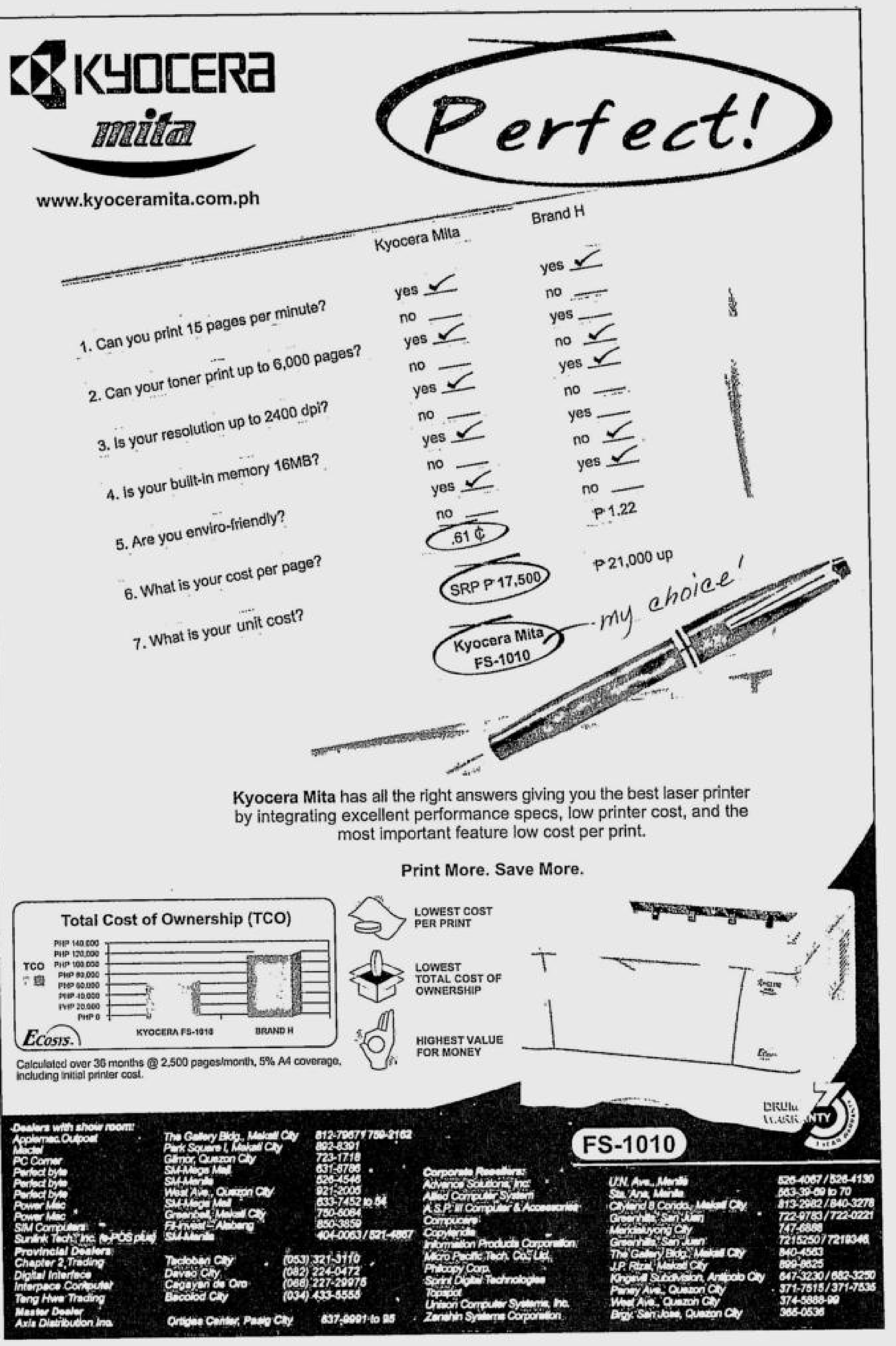
Parayno said the BIR was still in the process of evaluating the advantages of VAT over GRT on the basis of the data that the bureau would gather.

The government initially expected that the shift to the VAT system would raise an additional P8.6 billion in revenue.

Banks, particularly commercial, thrift and rural banks, have expressed opposition to the imposition of the VAT on financial institutions, saying it would significantly increase interest payments of borrowers and thereby cause a decline in lending and an increase in loan defaults.

The Chamber of Thrift Banks recently said that imposing a VAT on banks would not only burden the 540,000 mostly small borrowers, but also dampen the country's economic growth.

Banks have instead asked for the restoration of the gross receipt tax system.



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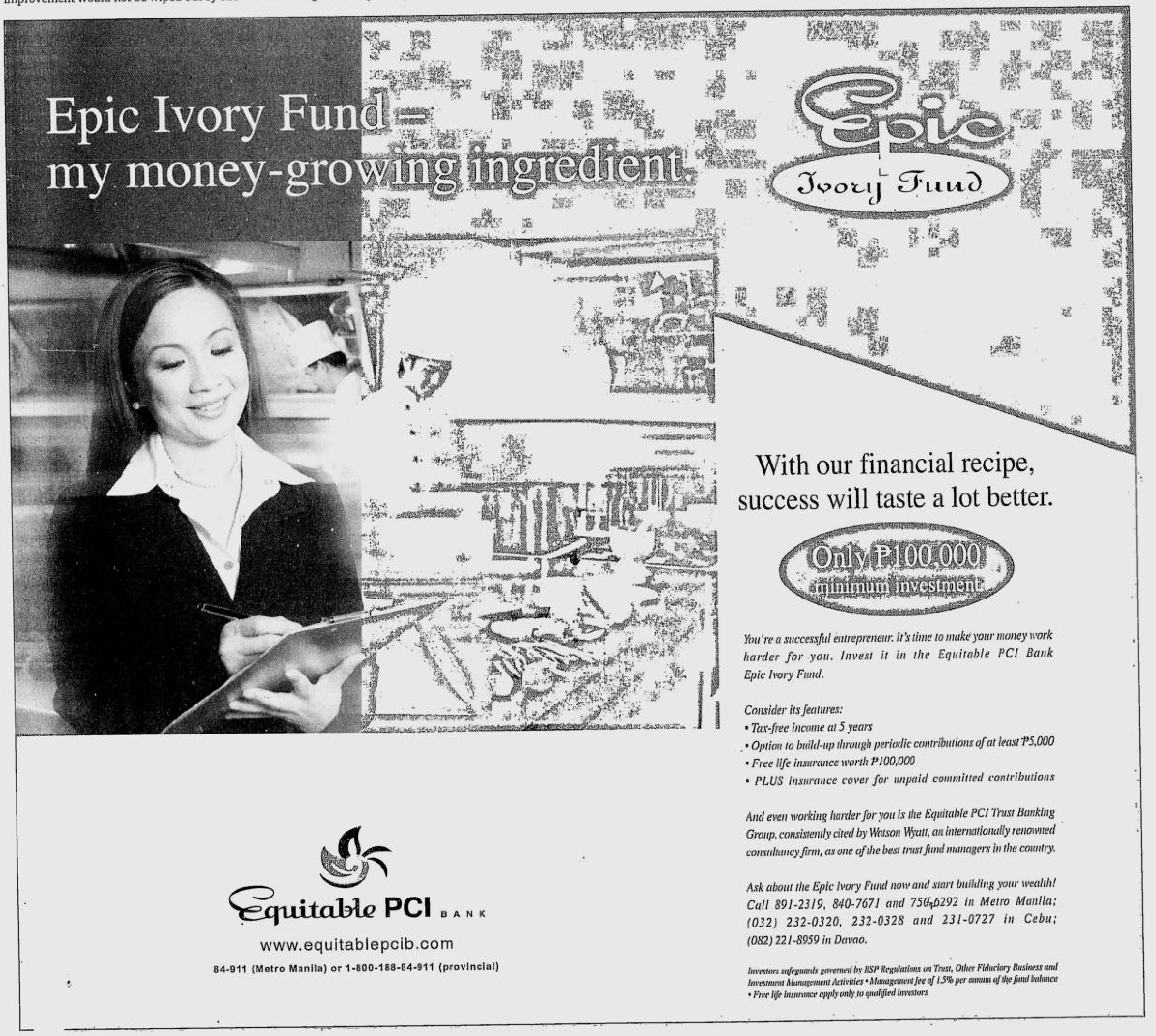

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Baguio Country Club	650,000	550,000
Camp John Hay	230,000	Pls. Call
Canyon Woods	160,000	Pls. Call
Capitol Hills	-	115,000
Calatagan Golf Club A/B**	70,000/Pls. Call**	-
Celebrity Sports Club	180,000	150,000
Club Filipino	150,000	-
Eagleridge "A"/"B"/"C"**	450,000**	-
Eastridge "B"	130,000	-
Evercrest	100,000	-
Fontana D/C/"A"*	70,000/140,000/230,000**	-
Forest Hills "A"/C"	200,000/250,000*	170,000
Manila Golf Ind./Corp.*	-	11,000,000*
Manila Polo	2,450,000	-
Makati Sports Club A/B*	250,000/280,000	-
Manila Yacht Club	610,000	-
Manila Southwoods A/B*	540,000/500,000*	450,000
Metropolitan Club	100,000	90,000
Mimosa Golf Ind./Corp.*	120,000	95,000
Mt. Malarayat Ind./Corp.*	300,000	-
Orchard Golf A/B*	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Phil. Columbian	-	50,000
Puerto Azul "A"/"B"	100,000/150,000*	-
Punta Fuego	500,000	400,000
Quezon City Sports Club "A"	220,000	-
Riviera Golf "A"/"C"*	130,000/360,000*	120,000
Royale Tagaytay A/C*	Pls. Call*	-
Rockwell Leisure Club	-	340,000
Sherwoods "A"/"B"*/"C"**	90,000/Pls. Call*	70,000**
Sta. Elena Golf "A"/B"	-	1,275,000
Subic Bay Yacht Club "Corp"	290,000	-
Subic Golf	Pls. Call	-
Tagaytay Country Club	400,000	300,000
Tagaytay Highlands Golf & CC	600,000	700,000
Tagaytay Midlands	-	680,000
Valley Golf & CC	300,000	250,000
Valle Verde (Indv.)	160,000	-
Wack Wack Golf	6,500,000	-

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Alabang Country Club "A" (Filipino)	-	1,400,000
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Baguio Country Club	600,000	700,000
Calatagan Golf Club "A"	-	70,000
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	80,000
Camp John Hay	200,000	220,000
Canlubang	400,000	500,000
Canyonwoods	-	150,000
Capitol Hills	120,000	135,000
Celebrity Sports Club	160,000	180,000
Club Filipino	110,000	180,000
Evercrest "A"	-	80,000
Forest Hills "A"	150,000	185,000
Forest Hills "B"	-	190,000
Forest Hills "C"	200,000	250,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	200,000	250,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	200,000	-
Manila Golf (Corporate)	11,000,000	12,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	10,000,000	10,600,000
Manila Polo	-	2,450,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	450,000	500,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	540,000	650,000
Manila Yacht Club	-	600,000
Metropolitan Club "A"	90,000	-
Metropolitan Club "B"	-	130,000
Mimosa (Individual)	-	110,000
Mimosa (Corporate)	260,000	300,000
Montemar (Individual)	35,000	-
Mt. Malarayat (Individual)	-	300,000
Mt. Malarayat (Corporate)	-	450,000
Puerto Azul	-	100,000
Quezon City Sports Club	-	190,000
Rockwell	-	380,000
Royale Tagaytay "A"	-	Please Call
Sherwood Hills "A"	-	75,000
Sherwood Hills "B"	80,000	180,000
Sherwood Hills "C"	-	200,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,250,000	1,500,000
Sta. Elena "B"	1,800,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)	-	250,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	-	120,000
Tagaytay Country Club	350,000	400,000
Tagaytay Highlands	750,000	820,000
Tagaytay Midlands	650,000	720,000
Valle Verde (Individual)	125,000	165,000
Valley Golf	260,000	270,000
Wack-Wack Golf Club	-	6,600,000

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SM unit sets condo project in Bicutan

By Doris C. Dumlao

SM Development Corp., the property development arm of retail tycoon Henry Sy's SM group, will jumpstart within this quarter a multibillion-peso condominium project, the Chateau Elysee, involving 32 buildings in Bicutan.

"We want to continue with our residential development. If this one is successful, then we will proceed (with other projects)," SMDC president Rogelio Cabunag told reporters at the sidelines of the company's stockholders' meeting last week.

He noted that affiliate SM Prime Holdings Inc.—the biggest mall operator in the country—had some idle lots around its commercial areas which could be used for more property development.

"We are working now on the phase 1 of the Bicutan project. We have started the model unit," he said.

The first phase, which is expected to yield P300 million in revenues for SMDC, will include the development of four residential buildings, he said.

Overall, the 4.7-hectare Bicutan project will offer 2,300 housing units worth P3 million and below, in 32 six-storey buildings.

"We estimate that we'll start within the 2nd quarter so it will probably be finished by the first quarter of next year. Development takes 10 to 12 months," he said.

"It's not the usual high-rise that you'll see. We're trying to tap the middle-income market," he said.

Cabunag said SMDC need not pursue any new borrowings as it has enough cash reserves to pursue its projects.

"If ever we borrow, it will be short-term because we are able to lock in high yields from trading of securities so we can take advantage of that," he said.

Among the SM Prime shopping malls whose excess land could be developed into more condominium units were those located in Fairview and Las Piñas.

Transformed by the SM group from a mutual fund company, SMDC is engaged in both real estate development and investment in various securities. In the past, however, the company focused more on investing in marketable securities, such as putting equity in other property companies, rather than pursuing its own real estate development.

With the property slump in the last four years, the strategy to focus on marketable securities paid off as SMDC raised its resources to more than P5 billion without incurring any debt.

Empire East reports ₱105.5-M net profit in '02

By Elena R. Torrijos

EMPIRE East Land Holdings Inc., the housing arm of Andrew Tan's Megaworld Properties and Holdings Inc., posted a consolidated profit of P105.5 million in 2002 or almost the same as the previous year's profit of P106.8 million as higher financing charges ate away operating income.

In its 2002 audited financial statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the publicly listed property firm pointed out that the housing industry appeared to have favorable prospects in the years to come.

"The demand in housing is expected to grow considering the housing backlog, affordable prices of properties, attractive buyers payment scheme and lower interest rate on bank financing," it said.

For last year, Empire East reported that real estate sales grew to P1.8 billion against P1.53 billion the previous year but cost of sales also increased to P1.72 billion from P1.29 billion.

The company's operating income, however, rose to P300.57 million from P202 million on the back of a 53-percent growth in rental income to P464 million and lower operating expenses.

The almost three-fold increase in finance costs to P141.5 million largely accounted for the flat earnings result last year.

Empire East disclosed that it was preparing for the launching of its Laguna BelAir 4 project, a 25-hectare property development located right beside Laguna BelAir 1 and 2. It has also sold out its Laguna BelAir 3 project.

The company is currently marketing The Cambridge Village, which will consist of clusters of residential buildings. The Cambridge Village is envisioned to become the next urban residential destination in the east and is situated on a 7-hectare property located in the Pasig-Cainta area.

Last year, Empire East said it spent approximately P902 million for its construction and development activities.

It also fully turned over San Francisco Gardens and Gilmore Heights to their respective residents. The most recent project completed by the company was Greenhills Garden Square, a residential enclave composed of 778 condominium units in Quezon City.

Officials optimistic on Boni deal

OFFICIALS of the Ayala-Campos group, partners in the 50.4-percent acquisition of the Bonifacio Global City from Metro Pacific Corp., last week hailed the agreement as "beneficial to the country" with its huge potential to boost confidence in the Philippines' economic prospects.

Ayala Land and the Campos-owned Evergreen Holdings Inc. (EHI) and Greenfield Development Corp. (GDC) gained control over the high-value property when they finalized the deal with Metro Pacific middle of last month.

"We are confident in this partnership and its future. Together, we have the financial and technical capability to see a project this size through," said Evergreen Holdings chair Joselito D. Campos Jr.

The two groups have had successful partnerships in real estate projects before, such as the Ayala Greenfield Estates residential subdivision in Calamba, Laguna.

Ayala Land chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala said: "This is an important and strategic opportunity with Ayala Land. We are delighted to be able to work on this project with the Campos group."

"The property's acquisition, aside from assuring prime inventory over the long-term, is an ideal vehicle for Ayala Land to replicate its success in the Makati central business district," added ALI president Francisco Licuanan. "We continue to belive that the price we paid is reasonable for the type of property we are acquiring." Licuanan had earlier maintained that the Bonifacio Global City was the "single most attractive parcel of land of its size in the metropolis."

Upbeat mood seen as trading resumes

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were taking advantage of lower prices to pick up bargains in the market.

"The move above 1,040 is likely to help build confidence and attract more bargain hunters," it said.

BPI Securities said the market indicated a "bullish engulfing pattern" during the last trading day (Wednesday) of last week, which meant that while the Phisix opened weak, it rallied to close higher than the previous day's opening.

This "bullish engulfing pattern" usually indicated a near-term reversal and more gains in the days to come, AB Capital Securities analyst Jose Vistan said.

He noted that there was also some optimism on the government's revenue collection and the abating concerns on SARS.

It was reported last week that the Bureau of Internal Revenue could overperform versus its revenue target for April. Also, the World Health Organization had indicated that the SARS outbreak was now slowing down.

However, Vistan said a lot of uncertainties were still hounding the market.

"After S&P's downgrade of the country's rating, the market is wondering what Fitch and Moody's would say about the country," Vistan said.

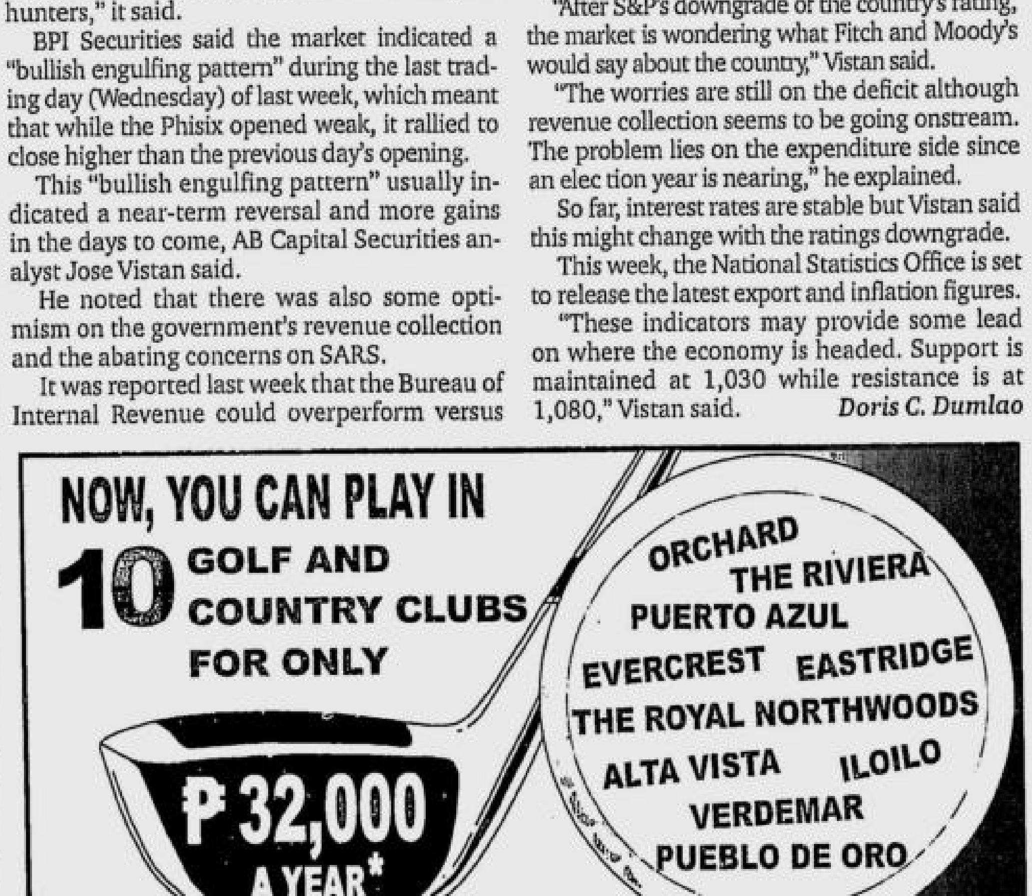
"The worries are still on the deficit although revenue collection seems to be going onstream. The problem lies on the expenditure side since an election year is nearing," he explained.

So far, interest rates are stable but Vistan said this might change with the ratings downgrade.

This week, the National Statistics Office is set to release the latest export and inflation figures.

"These indicators may provide some lead on where the economy is headed. Support is maintained at 1,030 while resistance is at 1,080," Vistan said.

Doris C. Dumlao



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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Wednesday, April 30, 2003)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	1,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	15.75	16.25	15.75	16.25	123,400
Bank of the Phil. Islands	36	36.5	35.5	36.5	378,600
China Banking Corp.	660	660	660	660	5,390
Citystate Savings Bank	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	24	24	24	24	105,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	29	27.5	29	147,600
Philippine National Bank	24	24.5	24	24.5	4,400
Phil. Savings Bank	26	27	26	27	5,500
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	10.25	10.25	10	10.25	7,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	17	17.25	17	17.25	9,300
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	1.42	1.44	1.42	1.42	15,815,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1360	1360	1350	1350	560
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1055	1055	1030	1030	2,230
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	12	12.25	12	12.25	4,800
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.71	0.76	0.71	.74	10,460,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	535	555	535	550	95,970
ISM Communications Corp.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	1,000,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	10,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.32	0.34	0.32	.33	7,080,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	367.5	382.5	367.5	380	140,850
Ivantage Corp.	0.38	0.39	0.38	0.39	240,000
Philweb Corp.	0.013	0.013	0.012	.013	600,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	6.7	7	6.7	6.8	140,000
Manila Electric Co. B	9.7	10.25	9.7	10.25	993,000
Petron Corp.	1.98	2.08	1.98	2.06	9,093,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.95	0.95	0.95	.95	500,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.48	1.48	1.46	1.46	12,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.42	2.46	2.42	2.46	84,000
Negros Navigation Co. Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	.5	50,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	2	2	2	2	25,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.57	0.58	0.56	0.56	3,220,000
Fortune Cement Corp.	0.1	0.1	0.1	.1	70,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.68	.68	60,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	95,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	16	16.5	16	16.5	1,025,200
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	31	31	31	31	9,600
RFM Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	70,000
San Miguel Corp. A	55.5	56.5	55	56.5	959,200
San Miguel Corp. B	66	66	66	66	136,500
Universal Robina Corp.	4	4	4	4	452,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	20,000
Ayala Corp.	4	4	3.95	4	4,002,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	61,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.024	0.024	0.024	.024	100,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.62	0.62	0.62	.62	10,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	.2	30,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.3	2.32	2.3	2.32	6,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.195	0.22	0.195	.215	14,390,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.245	0.245	1,860,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	8.1	8.1	8	8	90,000
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	.16	70,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	50,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.52	0.52	0.52	.52	60,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.58	260,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	4,450,000
Music Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	1,630,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	12,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	40,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1.96	1.98	1.88	1.96	214,000
Prime Gaming Phils. Inc.	20	22	20	20	23,300
SPI Technologies Inc.	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	10,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.41	0.43	0.41	.43	5,490,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	200,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	.17	10,000
Philippine Racing Club	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	15,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	11.25	12.25	11.25	12	276,000
Pldt 10% Pref Series Aa	10	10	10	10	1,000
WGA - Preferred	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	42,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.95	5.1	4.95	5	4,068,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.38	400,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.195	0.195	0.19	.195	2,070,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	.17	200,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	0.86	0.88	0.86	.86	12,690,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	110,000
City & Land Developers	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	.2	20,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	4.75	4.95	4.75	4.9	5,483,000
MINING					
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	40,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.185	0.19	0.185	0.19	350,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.185	0.19	0.185	.19	900,000
Omico Corp.	0.0044	0.0044	0.004	0.0044	149,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.014	0.014	0.014	.014	500,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.25	0.25	0.25	.25	50,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.27	0.27	0.26	.26	400,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.014	0.014	0.013	.013	3,500,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	50,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P) (P)
Bank & Fin Svc	16,607,480	52,295,025.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	70,048,420	258,150,360.00
PRO	25,042,000	58,827,250.00
Mining	151,240,000	1,034,550.00
OIL	3,550,000	55,000.00
GRAND TOTALS:	266,487,900	370,362,185.00

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	370.27	UP 9.38
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,556.57	UP 22.65
PRO	444.68	UP 11.92
Mining	1,142.26	DOWN 20.52
OIL	1.21	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	672.77	UP 3.48
Composite	1,068.15	UP 19.78

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CURRENCIES

April 30, 2003 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.902690	1.000000	52.817000
Japan	Yen	0.007533	0.008345	0.440800
United Kingdom	Pound	1.439429	1.594600	84.222000
Hongkong	Dollar	0.115747	0.128225	6.772500
Switzerland	Franc	0.662914	0.734376	38.787500
Canada	Dollar	0.625695	0.693145	36.609800
Singapore	Dollar	0.508386	0.563190	29.746000
Australia	Dollar	0.559218	0.619502	32.720200
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.394531	2.652661	140.105600
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.240724	0.266674	14.084900
Brunei	Dollar	0.506958	0.561608	29.662400
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000104	0.000115	0.006100
Thailand	Baht	0.021046	0.023315	1.231400
UAE	Dirham	0.245784	0.272279	14.381000
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.107800	58.510700
Argentina	Peso	0.316733	0.350877	18.532300
Brazil	Real	0.310844	0.344353	18.187700
Denmark	Kroner	0.134640	0.149154	7.877900
India	Rupee	0.019096	0.021155	1.117300
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.237582	0.263193	13.901100
Mexico	New Peso	0.087750	0.097210	5.134300
New Zealand	Dollar	0.502891	0.557103	29.424500
Norway	Kroner	0.128190	0.142009	7.500500
Pakistan	Rupee	0.015645	0.017331	0.915400
South Africa	Rand	0.125942	0.139519	7.369000
Korea	Won	0.000744	0.000824	0.043500
Sweden	Kroner	0.109756	0.121588	6.421900
Syria	Pound	0.021493	0.023810	1.257600
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025947	0.028744	1.518200
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000566	0.000627	0.033100

INTEREST RATES

April 30, 2003
MART 1 Rates

Benchmark Interest Rates	MART1 30-Apr-03 (%)	MART1 29-Apr-03 (%)
1 Month	7.9271	7.8938
3 Months	8.1069	8.2045
6 Months	8.7942	8.9712
1 Year	9.6673	9.6731
2 Years	10.1652	10.2981
3 Years	10.7981	11.1058
4 Years	11.4577	11.6961
5 Years	11.7773	11.9692
7 Years	12.5542	12.8271
10 Years	12.9865	13.0846
20 Years	13.4423	13.5673
25 Years	14.0211	14.0846

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MANILA POLO CLUB	2.5M	please call
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Alabang Country Club "B"	1,450,000	-
Baguio Country Club	650,000	550,000
Camp John Hay	220,000	Pls. Call
Canyon Woods	180,000	Pls. Call
Capitol Hills		116,000
Calatagan Golf Club A/B**	70,000/Pls. Call**	-
Celebrity Sports Club	180,000	150,000
Club Filipino	150,000	-
Eagleridge "A"/"B"/"C"**	450,000**	-
Eastridge "B"	130,000	-
Evercrest	100,000	-
Fontana D/C/"A"**	70,000/140,000/233,000**	-
Forest Hills "A"/C*	200,000/250,000*	170,000
Manila Golf Ind./Corp.*	-	11,000,000*
Manila Polo	2,450,000	-
Makati Sports Club A/B*	250,000/280,000	-
Manila Yacht Club	510,000	-
Manila Southwoods A/B*	540,000/500,000*	450,000
Metropolitan Club	100,000	90,000
Mimosa Golf Ind./Corp.*	120,000	95,000
Mt. Malarayat Ind./Corp.*	330,000	-
Orchard Golf A/B*	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Phil. Columbian	-	50,000
Puerto Azul "A"/"B"	100,000/150,000*	-
Punta Fuego	500,000	400,000
Quezon City Sports Club "A"	220,000	-
Riviera Golf "A"/"C"*	130,000/380,000*	120,000
Royale Tagaytay A/C*	Pls. Call*	-
Rockwell Leisure Club		340,000
Sherwoods "A"/"B"/"C"**	90,000/Pls. Call*	70,000**
Sta. Elena Golf "A"/B*	-	1,275,000
Subic Bay Yacht Club "Corp"	290,000	-
Subic Golf	Pls. Call	-
Tagaytay Country Club	400,000	320,000
Tagaytay Highlands Golf & CC	800,000	700,000
Tagaytay Midlands	-	680,000
Valley Golf & CC	330,000	250,000
Valle Verde (Indv.)	160,000	-
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CLUB	BUYER	SELLER
Alabang Country Club "A" (Filipino)	-	1,400,000
Alabang Country Club "B" (Foreigner)	-	1,500,000
Baguio Country Club	600,000	700,000
Calatagan Golf Club "A"	-	70,000
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	80,000
Camp John Hay	200,000	220,000
Canlubang	400,000	500,000
Canyonwoods	-	150,000
Capitol Hills	120,000	135,000
Celebrity Sports Club	160,000	180,000
Club Filipino	110,000	180,000
Evercrest "A"	-	80,000
Forest Hills "A"	150,000	185,000
Forest Hills "B"	-	190,000
Forest Hills "C"	200,000	250,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	200,000	250,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	200,000	-
Manila Golf (Corporate)	11,000,000	12,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	10,000,000	10,600,000
Manila Polo	-	2,450,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	450,000	500,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	540,000	650,000
Manila Yacht Club	-	600,000
Metropolitan Club "A"	90,000	-
Metropolitan Club "B"	-	130,000
Mimosa (Individual)	-	110,000
Mimosa (Corporate)	260,000	300,000
Montemar (Individual)	35,000	-
Mt. Malarayat (Individual)	-	300,000
Mt. Malarayat (Corporate)	-	450,000
Puerto Azul	-	100,000
Quezon City Sports Club	-	190,000
Rockwell	-	380,000
Royale Tagaytay "A"	-	Please Call
Sherwood Hills "A"	-	75,000
Sherwood Hills "B"	80,000	180,000
Sherwood Hills "C"	-	200,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,250,000	1,500,000
Sta. Elena "B"	1,600,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)	-	250,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	-	120,000
Tagaytay Country Club	350,000	400,000
Tagaytay Highlands	750,000	820,000
Tagaytay Midlands	650,000	720,000
Valle Verde (Individual)	125,000	165,000
Valley Golf	260,000	270,000
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SM unit sets condo project in Bicutan

By Doris C. Dumlao

SM Development Corp., the property development arm of retail tycoon Henry Sy's SM group, will jumpstart within this quarter a multibillion-peso condominium project, the Chateau Elysee, involving 32 buildings in Bicutan.

"We want to continue with our residential development. If this one is successful, then we will proceed (with other projects)," SMDC president Rogelio Cabunag told reporters at the sidelines of the company's stockholders' meeting last week.

He noted that affiliate SM Prime Holdings Inc.—the biggest mall operator in the country—had some idle lots around its commercial areas which could be used for more property development.

"We are working now on the phase 1 of the Bicutan project. We have started the model unit," he said.

The first phase, which is expected to yield P300 million in revenues for SMDC, will include the development of four residential buildings, he said.

Overall, the 4.7-hectare Bicutan project will offer 2,300 housing units worth P3 million and below, in 32 six-storey buildings.

"We estimate that we'll start within the 2nd quarter so it will probably be finished by the first quarter of next year. Development takes 10 to 12 months," he said.

"It's not the usual high-rise that you'll see. We're trying to tap the middle-income market," he said.

Cabunag said SMDC need not pursue any new borrowings as it has enough cash reserves to pursue its projects.

"If ever we borrow, it will be short-term because we are able to lock in high yields from trading of securities so we can take advantage of that," he said.

Among the SM Prime shopping malls whose excess land could be developed into more condominium units were those located in Fairview and Las Piñas.

Transformed by the SM group from a mutual fund company, SMDC is engaged in both real estate development and investment in various securities. In the past, however, the company focused more on investing in marketable securities, such as putting equity in other property companies, rather than pursuing its own real estate development.

With the property slump in the last four years, the strategy to focus on marketable securities paid off as SMDC raised its resources to more than P5 billion without incurring any debt.

Empire East reports ₱105.5-M net profit in '02

By Elena R. Torrijos

EMPIRE East Land Holdings Inc., the housing arm of Andrew Tan's Megaworld Properties and Holdings Inc., posted a consolidated profit of P105.5 million in 2002 or almost the same as the previous year's profit of P106.8 million as higher financing charges ate away operating income.

In its 2002 audited financial statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the publicly listed property firm pointed out that the housing industry appeared to have favorable prospects in the years to come.

"The demand in housing is expected to grow considering the housing backlog, affordable prices of properties, attractive buyers payment scheme and lower interest rate on bank financing," it said.

For last year, Empire East reported that real estate sales grew to P1.8 billion against P1.53 billion the previous year but cost of sales also increased to P1.72 billion from P1.29 billion.

The company's operating income, however, rose to P300.57 million from P202 million on the back of a 53-percent growth in rental income to P464 million and lower operating expenses.

The almost three-fold increase in finance costs to P141.5 million largely accounted for the flat earnings result last year.

Empire East disclosed that it was preparing for the launching of its Laguna BelAir 4 project, a 25-hectare property development located right beside Laguna BelAir 1 and 2. It has also sold out its Laguna BelAir 3 project.

The company is currently marketing The Cambridge Village, which will consist of clusters of residential buildings. The Cambridge Village is envisioned to become the next urban residential destination in the east and is situated on a 7-hectare property located in the Pasig-Cainta area.

Last year, Empire East said it spent approximately P902 million for its construction and development activities.

It also fully turned over San Francisco Gardens and Gilmore Heights to their respective residents. The most recent project completed by the company was Greenhills Garden Square, a residential enclave composed of 778 condominium units in Quezon City.

Officials optimistic on Boni deal

OFFICIALS of the Ayala-Campos group, partners in the 50.4-percent acquisition of the Bonifacio Global City from Metro Pacific Corp., last week hailed the agreement as "beneficial to the country" with its huge potential to boost confidence in the Philippines' economic prospects.

Ayala Land and the Campos-owned Evergreen Holdings Inc. (EHI) and Greenfield Development Corp. (GDC) gained control over the high-value property when they finalized the deal with Metro Pacific middle of last month.

"We are confident in this partnership and its future. Together, we have the financial and technical capability to see a project this size through," said Evergreen Holdings chair Joselito D. Campos Jr.

The two groups have had successful partnerships in real estate projects before, such as the Ayala Greenfield Estates residential subdivision in Calamba, Laguna.

Ayala Land chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala said: "This is an important and strategic opportunity with Ayala Land. We are delighted to be able to work on this project with the Campos group."

"The property's acquisition, aside from assuring prime inventory over the long-term, is an ideal vehicle for Ayala Land to replicate its success in the Makati central business district," added ALI president Francisco Licuanan. "We continue to belive that the price we paid is reasonable for the type of property we are acquiring." Licuanan had earlier maintained that the Bonifacio Global City was the "single most attractive parcel of land of its size in the metropolis."

Upbeat mood seen as trading resumes

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were taking advantage of lower prices to pick up bargains in the market.

"The move above 1,040 is likely to help build confidence and attract more bargain hunters," it said.

BPI Securities said the market indicated a "bullish engulfing pattern" during the last trading day (Wednesday) of last week, which meant that while the Phisix opened weak, it rallied to close higher than the previous day's opening.

This "bullish engulfing pattern" usually indicated a near-term reversal and more gains in the days to come, AB Capital Securities analyst Jose Vistan said.

He noted that there was also some optimism on the government's revenue collection and the abating concerns on SARS.

It was reported last week that the Bureau of Internal Revenue could overperform versus its revenue target for April. Also, the World Health Organization had indicated that the SARS outbreak was now slowing down.

However, Vistan said a lot of uncertainties were still hounding the market.

"After S&P's downgrade of the country's rating, the market is wondering what Fitch and Moody's would say about the country," Vistan said.

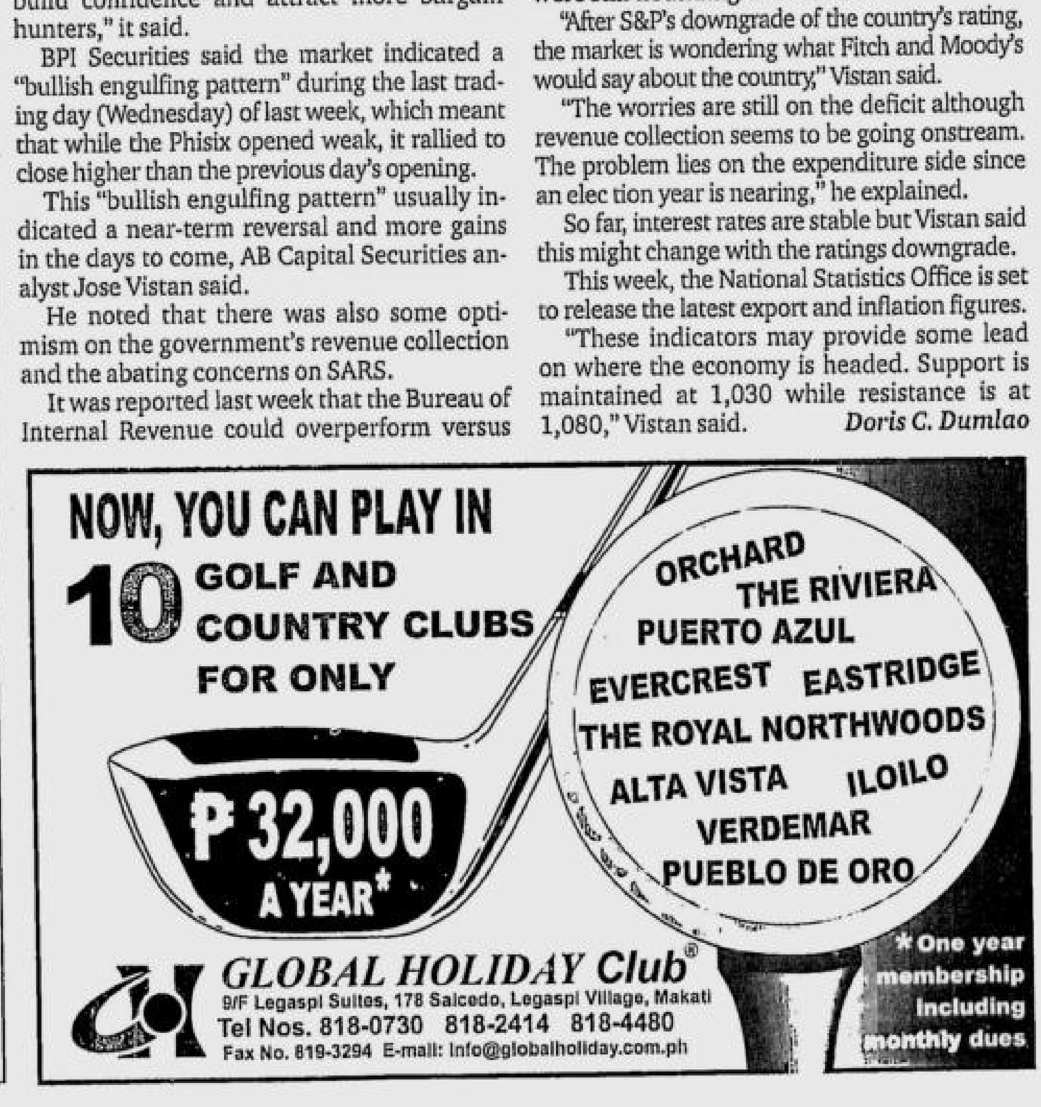
"The worries are still on the deficit although revenue collection seems to be going onstream. The problem lies on the expenditure side since an election year is nearing," he explained.

So far, interest rates are stable but Vistan said this might change with the ratings downgrade.

This week, the National Statistics Office is set to release the latest export and inflation figures.

"These indicators may provide some lead on where the economy is headed. Support is maintained at 1,030 while resistance is at 1,080," Vistan said.

Doris C. Dumlao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(As of Wednesday, April 30, 2003)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	1,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	15.75	16.25	15.75	16.25	123,400
Bank of the Phil. Islands	36	36.5	35.5	36.5	378,600
China Banking Corp.	660	660	660	660	5,390
Citystate Savings Bank	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	24	24	24	24	105,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	29	27.5	29	147,600
Philippine National Bank	24	24.5	24	24.5	4,400
Phil. Savings Bank	26	27	26	27	5,507
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	10.25	10.25	10	10.25	7,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	17	17.25	17	17.25	9,300
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	1.42	1.44	1.42	1.42	15,815,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1360	1360	1350	1350	560
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1055	1055	1030	1030	2,230
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	12	12.25	12	12.25	4,800
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.71	0.76	0.71	.74	10,460,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	535	555	535	550	95,970
ISM Communications Corp.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	1,000,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	10,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.32	0.34	0.32	.33	7,080,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	367.5	382.5	367.5	380	140,850
Ivantage Corp.	0.38	0.39	0.38	0.39	240,000
Philweb Corp.	0.013	0.013	0.012	.013	600,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	6.7	7	6.7	6.8	140,000
Manila Electric Co. B	9.7	10.25	9.7	10.25	993,000
Petron Corp.	1.98	2.08	1.98	2.06	9,093,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.95	0.95	0.95	.95	500,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.48	1.48	1.46	1.46	12,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.42	2.46	2.42	2.46	84,000
Negros Navigation Co. Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	.5	50,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	2	2	2	2	25,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.57	0.58	0.56	0.56	3,220,000
Fortune Cement Corp.	0.1	0.1	0.1	.1	70,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.68	.68	60,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	95,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	16	16.5	16	16.5	1,025,200
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	31	31	31	31	9,600
RFM Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	70,000
San Miguel Corp. A	55.5	56.5	55	56.5	959,200
San Miguel Corp. B	66	66	66	66	136,500
Universal Robina Corp.	4	4	4	4	452,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	20,000
Ayala Corp.	4	4	3.95	4	4,002,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	61,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.024	0.024	0.024	.024	100,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.62	0.62	0.62	.62	10,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	.2	30,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.3	2.32	2.3	2.32	6,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.195	0.22	0.195	.215	14,390,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.245	0.245	1,860,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	8.1	8.1	8	8	90,000
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	.16	70,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	50,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.52	0.52	0.52	.52	60,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.58	260,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	4,450,000
Music Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	1,630,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coal Inc.	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	12,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	40,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1.96	1.98	1.88	1.96	214,000
Prime Gaming Phils. Inc.	20	22	20	20	23,300
SPI Technologies Inc.	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	10,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.41	0.43	0.41	.43	5,490,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	200,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	.17	10,000
Philippine Racing Club	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	15,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	11.25	12.25	11.25	12	276,000
Pldt 10% Pref Series Aa	10	10	10	10	1,000
WGA - Preferred	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	42,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.95	5.1	4.95	5	4,068,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.38	400,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.195	0.195	0.19	.195	2,070,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	.17	200,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	0.86	0.88	0.86	.86	12,690,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	110,000
City & Land Developers	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	.2	20,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	4.75	4.95	4.75	4.9	5,483,000
MINING					
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	40,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.185	0.19	0.185	0.19	350,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.185	0.19	0.185	.19	900,000
Omico Corp.	0.0044	0.0044	0.004	0.0044	149,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.014	0.014	0.014	.014	500,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.25	0.25	0.25	.25	50,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.27	0.27	0.26	.26	400,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.014	0.014	0.013	.013	3,500,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	50,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P) (P)
Bank & Fin Svc	16,607,480	52,295,025.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	70,048,420	258,150,360.00
PRO	25,042,000	58,827,250.00
Mining	151,240,000	1,034,550.00
OIL	3,550,000	55,000.00
GRAND TOTALS :	266,487,900	370,362,185.00

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	370.27	UP 9.38
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,556.57	UP 22.65
PRO	444.68	UP 11.92
Mining	1,142.26	DOWN 20.52
OIL	1.21	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	672.77	UP 3.48
Composite	1,068.15	UP 19.78

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CURRENCIES

April 30, 2003 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.902690	1.000000	52.817000
Japan	Yen	0.007533	0.008345	0.440800
United Kingdom	Pound	1.439429	1.594600	84.222000
Hongkong	Dollar	0.115747	0.128225	6.772500
Switzerland	Franc	0.662914	0.734376	38.787500
Canada	Dollar	0.625695	0.693145	36.609800
Singapore	Dollar	0.508386	0.563190	29.746000
Australia	Dollar	0.559218	0.619502	32.720200
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.394531	2.652661	140.105600
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.240724	0.266674	14.084900
Brunei	Dollar	0.506958	0.561608	29.662400
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000104	0.000115	0.006100
Thailand	Baht	0.021046	0.023315	1.231400
UAE	Dirham	0.245784	0.272279	14.381000
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.107800	58.510700
Argentina	Peso	0.316733	0.350877	18.532300
Brazil	Real	0.310844	0.344353	18.187700
Denmark	Kroner	0.134640	0.149154	7.877900
India	Rupee	0.019096	0.021155	1.117300
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.237582	0.263193	13.901100
Mexico	New Peso	0.087750	0.097210	5.134300
New Zealand	Dollar	0.502891	0.557103	29.424500
Norway	Kroner	0.128190	0.142009	7.500500
Pakistan	Rupee	0.015645	0.017331	0.915400
South Africa	Rand	0.125942	0.139519	7.369000
Korea	Won	0.000744	0.000824	0.043500
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Syria	Pound	0.021493	0.023810	1.257600
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025947	0.028744	1.518200
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000566	0.000627	0.033100

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3 Months	8.1069	8.2045
6 Months	8.7942	8.9712
1 Year	9.6673	9.6731
2 Years	10.1652	10.2981
3 Years	10.7981	11.1058
4 Years	11.4577	11.6961
5 Years	11.7773	11.9692
7 Years	12.5542	12.8271
10 Years	12.9865	13.0846
20 Years	13.4423	13.5673
25 Years	14.0211	14.0846

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Stocks		9,577,156.66
Real Estate		117,895,028.85
Security Fund		13,671.00
Other Investments		8,800,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks		329,152,402.85
Premiums Receivable		4,408,336.16
Premiums Due From Ceding Companies		3,790,044.77
Premiums Reserve withheld by Ceding Companies		1,333,548.45
Reinsurance Recoverable on Losses		104,602,338.80
Accrued Investment Income		2,911,060.11
Electronic Data Processing Equipment		445,884.09
Total Admitted Assets	P	662,252,899.74

LIABILITIES

Losses and Claims Payable	P	150,082,497.69
Loss Adjustment Expenses Payable		1,824,730.85
Reserve for Unearned Premiums		39,274,246.60
Catastrophe Loss Reserve		227,724.38
Premiums Due to Reinsurers		25,772,461.75
Premiums Reserve Withheld for Reinsurers		14,178,596.43
Commissions Payable		1,450,292.53
Accrued Expenses		482,360.91
Taxes Payable		50,504,007.07
Accounts Payable		970,004.06
Unearned Bond Discount		1,141,578.59
Other Liabilities		1,183,035.19
Total Liabilities	P	287,091,536.05

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Capital Stock Paid-Up	P 150,000,000.00		
Contributed Surplus	100,000.00		
Contingency Surplus	594,941.67		
Special Surplus Funds:			
Fluctuation Reserve – Stocks	1,130,060.52		
Fluctuation Reserve – Foreign Exchange	1,023,161.22		
Revaluation Reserve – Real Estate	42,557,750.00		
Retained Earnings	179,755,450.28		
Total Stockholders' Equity		P	375,161,363.69
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity		P	662,252,899.74

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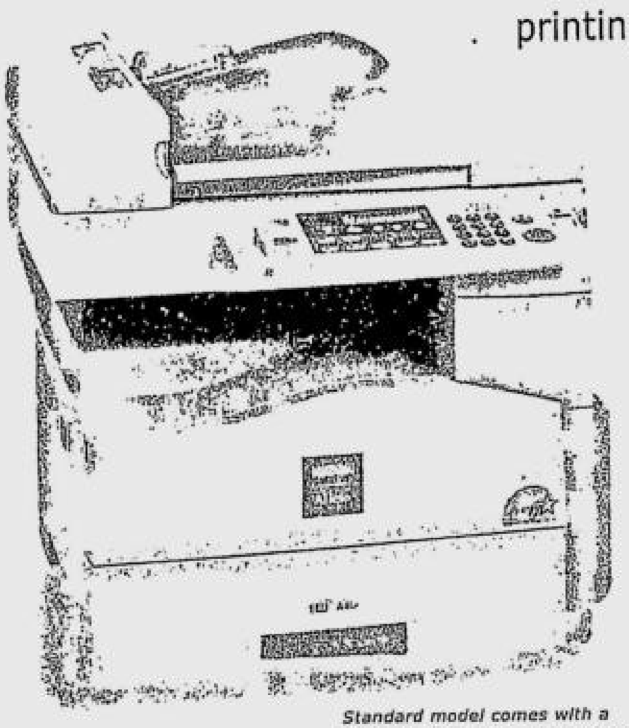

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US job picture bleak, unemployment hits 6%

WASHINGTON—US unemployment jumped to a four-month high of 6 percent in April and businesses cut jobs for a third straight month, the government said on Friday in a bleak snapshot of the labor market in the heat of the war.

The manufacturing sector was hit particularly hard, suffering its 33rd consecutive month of job losses. However, there was some good news for the hard-hit sector in a separate report on March factory orders, and some analysts said activity could pick up further.

The fall of 48,000 in payrolls was less steep than economists had feared and many said this means the Federal Reserve has leeway to hold off for now on interest-rate cuts.

Stock prices rallied after easing initially on the jobs report. Bond prices fell while the dollar advanced.

The Labor Department said the jobless rate climbed two-tenths of a percentage point from March's 5.8 percent.

Private economists had been braced for a rise to only 5.9 percent. However, they had also been expecting a worse showing in payrolls—forecasting on average a 53,000 loss.

On a worrisome note, though, weekly hours worked were cut back sharply to 34 hours in April from 34.3 in March.

Payrolls in March slumped by 124,000, a number that was revised from a previously reported 108,000 loss.

The data highlight the challenges facing President George W. Bush, who declared victory in the Iraq war on Thursday from the deck of a US aircraft carrier but will now have to turn his attention to domestic issues—chiefly the economy.

Job weakness in April was especially pronounced in the factory sector, which lost 95,000 jobs in April, roughly double the average monthly job declines suffered over the past year.

Travel and tourism, hit by the one-two punch of the war and the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, also saw hefty losses in jobs.

But construction employment rose 18,000 and the government sector added 32,000 jobs.

Some analysts cautioned that the jobs figures reflected hesitancy that prevailed during the war and may offer only limited clues on what will happen now the conflict is over. *Reuters*

No magic to lure stock investors

NEW YORK—What's it going to take for investors to feel good about the stock market again?

A big, old-fashioned rally like the April stock rebound certainly can't hurt, market watchers say. But for many bruised investors who saw their retirement or children's college savings plunge in the three-year bear market, it's likely going to take a lot more time and sustained gains to heal their wounds, experts predict.

"It's a psychological process, and the hallmark of any psychological process, which is the same thing as the financial process, is that it takes time," said Woody Dorsey, president of research firm Market Semiotics and an expert in behavioral finance, the study of investor mood.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index .SPX jumped 8.1 percent in April, helping boost the average diversified US stock mutual fund's year-to-date gain through Tuesday to about 3.9 percent, according to Lipper Inc.

But investors risk missing out on the rebound if they wait for a sustained rise in stocks, just as they made a mistake when they sold at low prices when stocks plummeted, market experts say.

For many people who lost money in the stock slide, however, this year's gains have not motivated them to start buying stocks again, said Percy Bolton, a certified financial planner in Pasadena, California.

While he has urged these clients, mostly older people who lost a lot of their savings in the stock slump, to stick to a conservative asset allocation plan and reinvest some money in stocks, they have told him they want to wait a few months to be sure the market rally is real, he said.

"From a practical and expert point of view, it's a bad decision, but from a personal point of view, if I was in their position, I would probably feel the same way, given every time there seems to be some positive news, we get worse news." *Reuters*

JAPANESE businessmen are reflected on a share prices chart in Tokyo. Japan's share prices rose 43.90 points to close at 7,907.19 points at the Tokyo Stock Exchange as investors hoped for fresh government policy to support the market. AFP

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UAL posts record $1.3-B quarterly loss

CHICAGO—UAL Corp., the bankrupt parent of United Airlines, on Friday reported the biggest quarterly shortfall of any major US air carrier as the war in Iraq discouraged travel and raised fuel costs.

The $1.3-billion net loss topped that of rival AMR Corp., parent of American Airlines, which posted a $1 billion first-quarter loss last week and narrowly averted bankruptcy for the third time after winning wage concessions from labor.

"It could have been a lot worse, which is the good news. The bad news is, it is not a lot better," said Richard Bittenbender, senior credit officer at Moodys Investors Service, of UAL's results.

UAL, which filed the largest bankruptcy in US airline history in December, said its loss was $14.16 per share, compared with a loss of $510 million or $9.22 per share a year earlier. Operating revenue fell to $3.18 billion in the quarter from $3.29 billion a year earlier.

"The first quarter was particularly difficult, given travelers' concerns about the conflict in Iraq, the weak economy and a fierce low-fare environment, as well as speculation about our company's future—speculation that is now abating," said Chief Executive Glenn Tilton.

Others agreed with Tilton's assessment that while the first-quarter numbers were pretty bleak, fears of outright liquidation are lessening. *Reuters*

Motorola hit for 'slow' pace of change

CHICAGO—Motorola Inc.'s shareholders, who will gather for the company's annual meeting today, said they are losing patience with top management over a perceived slow pace of change at the No. 2 maker of cell phones.

While the Chicago area-based company has taken positive steps—a return to profits, the debut of stylish new cell phones and lower chip losses—those changes are not fast or deep enough for many shareholders. Some are even repeating calls for Chairman Christopher Galvin to step aside.

"They're executing above average as far as controlling the things they can. You just wish they'd be much more aggressive," said John Krause, analyst for Thrivent Investment Management, which owns more than 2.4 million shares of Motorola.

The one area where the company is too aggressive, at least in the minds of many shareholders and analysts, is in its 2003 financial forecasts.

Motorola has been reeling since 2000, when the Internet and telecom bubbles burst. The weak economy has slowed sales of cell phones and semiconductors, and drastically curtailed demand for the company's wireless infrastructure gear.

Shareholders hope Motorola addresses some of these issues at Monday's meeting. A company spokesman pointed to Galvin's comments last month that Motorola is working to further boost its performance.

In the past, some shareholders have said Galvin is too emotionally connected to Motorola, which his grandfather started, and cannot make the hard choices needed to reinvent the company. *Reuters*

US Fed seen keeping interest rates steady

NEW YORK—The Federal Reserve isn't ready to lower interest rates again at its policy meeting on Tuesday, but a move next month remains a live option if the economy doesn't climb out of its recent morass.

A poor April employment report out on Friday, which brought total recent job losses to more than half a million, was not deemed atrocious enough to spur an immediate response from the central bank.

The Fed has said it wants to see data from the post-war period to see if its anticipated recovery unfolds.

"The numbers as they look now are unacceptably weak, but there is reason to believe we'll see improvement in coming months," said UBS Warburg senior economist Jim O'Sullivan.

While most believe the Fed will reinstate the comment, they are divided over whether it will acknowledge the risks are tilted towards weakness, or say they are balanced, perhaps using a longer time horizon of 6 to 9 months. The statement used to refer to the period before the next meeting.

The Federal Reserve has argued since November that the risks were balanced between rising inflation and economic weakness, even though employment has fallen for seven out of eight months and the manufacturing sector is in recession.

"That argument has not made a lot of sense for some time. We were dealing with a very soft economy and low and declining inflation, yet they were saying the risks were balanced," said Bank of America Securities senior economist Peter Kretzmer.

"They were doing that largely because of the gamesmanship that surrounds that risks statement," he said.

Reuters

Critics want more remorse from corporate America

NEW YORK—When it comes to showing remorse for past misdeeds, critics say corporate America just doesn't get it.

Whether it is allegations of biased research at Wall Street firms or rich pay packages for executives at corporations in deep financial trouble, many US companies are on the defensive.

Critics say corporate America has not learned its lessons, and that many top executives are still acting as if it were business as usual.

"The most charitable way to look at these things is as examples of having a tin ear," said Henry Hu, corporate and securities law professor at the University of Texas. "But I worry that these senior executives really haven't come to terms with the fact that there were some real fundamental problems."

After Wall Street brokerages reached a $1.4 billion settlement with regulators this week, the head of investment bank Morgan Stanley made public comments denying the pact raised any concerns for retail investors about his firm's business.

The remarks from Morgan Stanley CEO Philip Purcell drew a rebuke from SEC chair William Donaldson, who warned Purcell that his words reflected a "troubling lack of contrition."

Wall Street executives are not alone in drawing criticism.

Some high-powered executives are either overcome by hubris, greed or perhaps ignorance about the extent of investor anger, critics say.

American Airlines, a division of AMR Corp., ousted Chief Executive Don Carty in April after an employee rebellion over his failure to disclose a multimillion dollar pay package for senior executives approved while the troubled airline fought off bankruptcy.

Critics say executives involved in the Wall Street settlement, such as Purcell, need to watch their public statements more carefully.

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The Agenda of the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Notice of Meeting
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Stockholders' Meeting of 13 May 2002
5. Presentation of the Report of the President and of the Board of Directors
6. Ratification of the Acts, Resolutions and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management Up to 12 May 2003
7. Election of External Auditors
8. Election of Directors
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on 27 March 2003 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at this meeting. Registration will start at 2:00 p.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. For your convenience in registering your attendance, kindly present some form of identification, such as a driver's license, passport, company I.D. or SSS/GSIS I.D.

Should you be unable to attend the meeting in person, you may want to execute a proxy in favor of a representative.

For those unable to attend the Stockholders' Meeting in Cebu, a Stockholders' Briefing will be conducted in Manila on 15 May 2003 at 2:30 p.m. at Rizal Ballroom C, Makati Shangri-la Hotel, Makati City.

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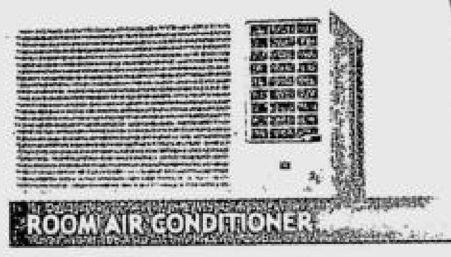

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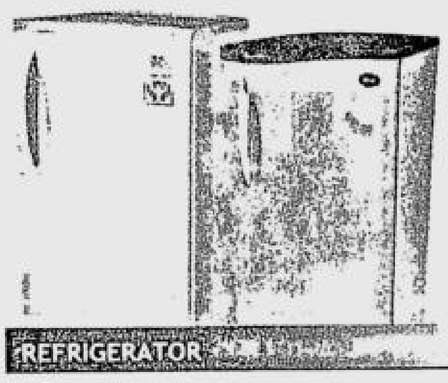

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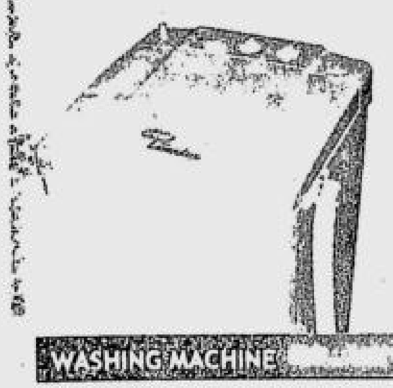

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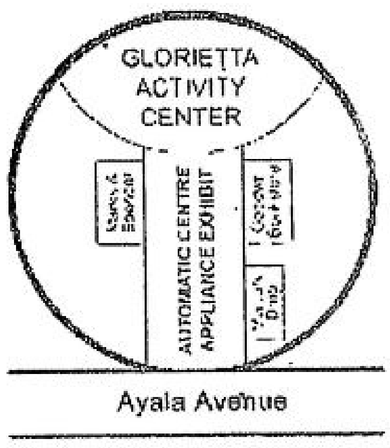
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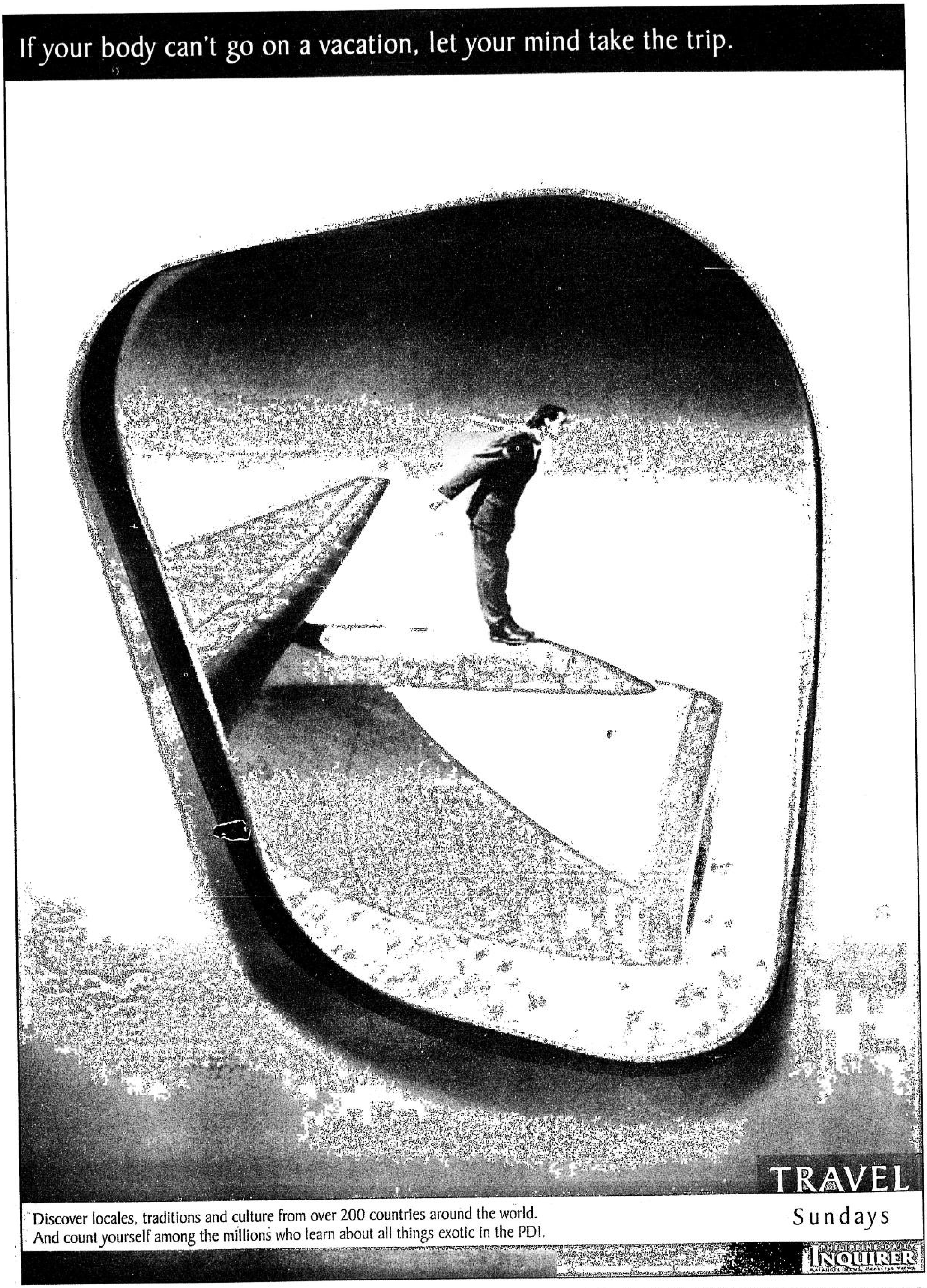

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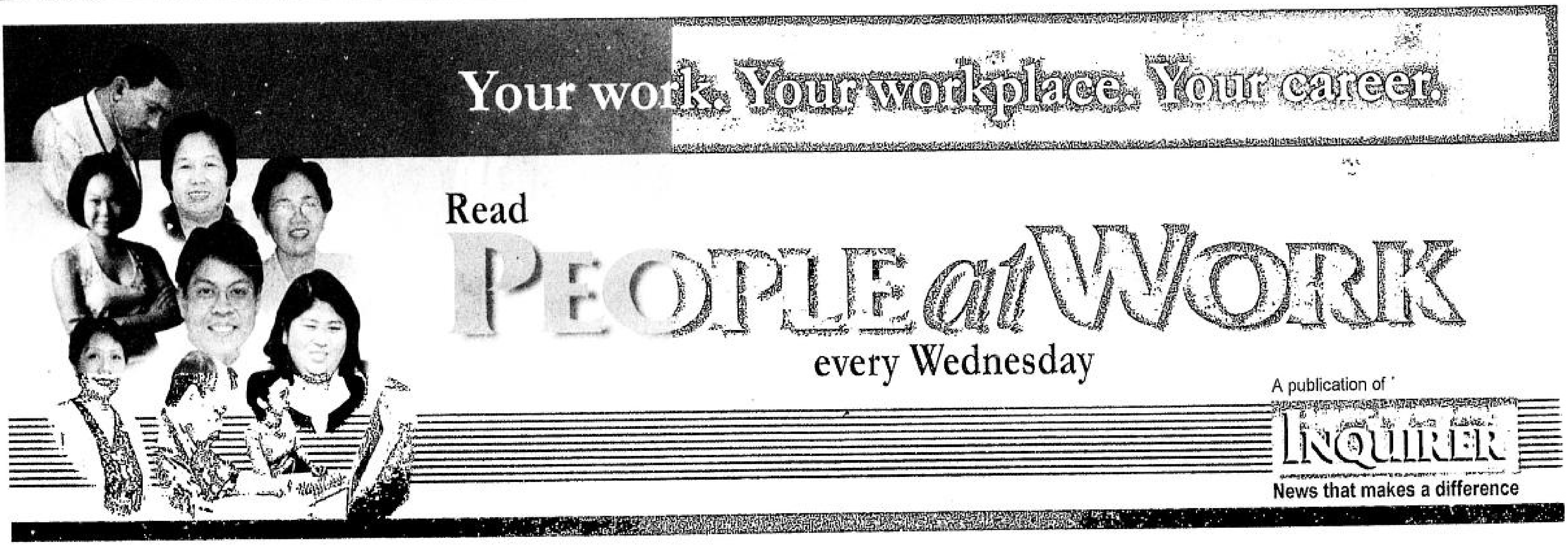

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Oil swings lower as Opec move puzzles traders

LONDON—Oil prices fell sharply towards five-month lows on Friday, reversing gains earlier this week as traders struggled to make sense of Opec's output policy.

London Brent crude oil futures were down 42 cents at $23.40 a barrel, after rising as high as $24.39 earlier in the day, while New York crude fell 48 cents to $25.55.

The oil cartel agreed last Thursday to raise its formal output ceiling, but simultaneously promised to cut back on excess supplies pumped in recent months to prevent a price spike on the Iraq war.

"After turning bearish late last week, oil market sentiment is now uncertain, with confusion exacerbated by a high degree of uncertainty over current Opec production levels from which its latest cuts will be made," said Kevin Norrish of Barclays Capital Research in a daily note.

When prices reacted negatively to Opec's decision, cartel president Abdullah al-Attiyah said ministers were consulting on how to intervene to keep prices from falling any further.

This briefly provided some support to markets, which hit five-month lows on Tuesday.

Some support also came from US government data which showed a smaller-than-expected rise in crude inventories of the world's largest oil consumer.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) said stocks rose 1.8 million barrels last week to 288 million, against analysts' forecasts of an average rise of 2.9 million.

Inventories in the world's largest market have been building steadily since hitting critical lows below 270 million barrels in early February.

"The issue with crude oil is not that inventories have built but rather they have not built by more, given that time available to gain more headroom is beginning to run out," said Paul Horsnell of JP Morgan Securities.

He said the data seemed to vindicate Opec—which was widely criticized for not cutting enough last week—especially as it was still unclear when Iraqi exports would resume and what would be the full impact on oil consumption of the outbreak of Severe Acute Repiratory Syndrome (SARS).

"Opec has effectively decided to allow the existing major contraction in supplies to work through," he said.

"(It) has decided to wait until its June meeting (to decide on a further cut) ...when more precise estimates can be made about the scale and length of the demand impact of the spread of SARS and on the timeline for Iraqi exports." Opec is set to meet again on June 11 in Qatar, and ministers have already signaled their intention to cut quotas if necessary to accommodate the return of Iraq.

The war-torn country began pumping oil again at the end of April, but exports cannot resume unless world powers settle their differences over sanctions in the United Nations.

The United States is expected to produce a draft resolution to lift sanctions in a week or so, which would end United Nations control of the country's oil wealth and transfer it to a US-backed Iraqi administration, with World Bank oversight.

The U.N.'s oil-for-food account already has $12 billion on deposit.

Diplomats said the US proposal would ask the council to appoint a U.N. envoy in an advisory role, but exclude U.N. arms inspectors from verifying that Iraq is clean of weapons of mass destruction.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said earlier this week he would not end sanctions until U.N. inspectors have cleared the country of banned weapons. Moscow also wants the oil-for-food deal to continue under U.N. control. *Reuters*

CUSTOMERS buy sale items at a side walk store in Hong Kong. Its economy suffered its sharpest monthly downturn in at least five years in April as the fall out from the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak devastated local businesses, a British research firm said. AFP

European officials urged to fix frayed economic ties with US

MUNICH, Germany—Worried that tattered trans-Atlantic ties could hurt European businesses already struggling with anemic growth, leaders at an economic summit in Germany called Friday for a solid relationship with the United States.

US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, en route to the meeting, has pledged a "hand of cooperation"—but also reminded Europeans that Washington hasn't forgotten their staunch opposition to the campaign in Iraq.

Discussion Friday focused on how Europe's flagging economy could spur growth as fast as America's, took place in a decidedly more pro-US tone than at a security conference here earlier this year where German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer launched a tirade at US defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

"There's a lot of concern about what's going on, because everybody knows business needs a good climate between both societies," said Horst Teltschik, a foreign policy adviser under former Chancellor Helmut Kohl and now a Boeing executive in Berlin.

The discussions, with economists such as 2000 Nobel laureate James Heckman from the University of Chicago, examined ways Europe could learn from US economic experience—and make up for a chronic gap in growth rates.

On Saturday, the conference will hear Zoellick urge participants to help him win European support for US proposals to lower tariffs and trade subsidies in the current round of World Trade Organization talks.

"There's a certain amount that I and the United States can do to push this forward, but they have to also push with their governments on these topics," Zoellick told reporters in Berlin.

"We certainly have a mutual interest in trying to ensure there's progress," he said.

Veteran diplomat Zoellick is well known in Germany for his role negotiating the 1990 reunification of East and West Germany at the end of the Cold War. His appearance was regarded by some as reassurance that better ties were still possible.

His visit is the first by a Cabinet official to Germany since Rumsfeld, and since the end of the war in Iraq. *AP*

Investors gaining more confidence in Wall St.

NEW YORK—With Wall Street's rally nearly two months old, investors are slowly gaining confidence that the market can pull higher amid improving economic conditions in the second half of the year.

In the week to Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average broke through the 8,500 level and gained 276.33 points, or 3.3 percent, to end at 8,582.68.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq surged past 1,500 with a gain of 68.34 points or 4.76 percent to 1,502.88.

The broad-market Standard and Poor's 500 added 31.27 points or 3.48 percent to 930.08.

Although the economic data over the past week were mixed, investors focused on improving corporate earnings and hopes for a second-half acceleration in economic activity.

"Now that the war in Iraq has moved from one phase to another, investors seem to be looking at the glass as half full," said Steven Narker, director of global private client research at Merrill Lynch.

"They're focusing on the positive surprises among first-quarter earnings reports and the upbeat elements in the economic picture, particularly the expectation that growth will pick up during the second half of the year. Overall, our sense is that many investors have shifted from dreading the next day's headlines to cautiously looking for opportunities."

"This market appears to have legs," said Ralph Acampora, a technical strategist at Prudential Securities.

"The 'war rally' that began on March 12 has more upside potential. In fact, we believe the resistance levels that have been in force for the past 10 months will all eventually be broken on most of the market's leading indexes. Such a move would finally give us the 'quality rally' that has evaded us for the past few years. We are very enthusiastic and encourage our readers to be aggressive buyers of stock."

An important reading for the market will be an assessment of the massive US service sector from the Institute of Supply Management.

"With the abatement of many external shocks—including Iraq, North Korea, terrorism, and even SARS—business confidence and spending should start to pick up," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management. *AFP*

HP to reorganize server, data storage business

SAN FRANCISCO—Computer and printer maker Hewlett-Packard Co. said on Friday it would reorganize and streamline its business group that makes computer servers and storage systems for large companies.

The company said it would consolidate three units of its Enterprise Systems Group, a move that comes roughly a year after HP acquired rival Compaq Computer.

The three units—business critical systems, industry-standard servers, which use Intel-compatible microprocessors, and its network storage solutions groups—will be rolled into one division, called enterprise storage and servers, led by Senior Vice President Scott Stallard.

In addition, HP said the Enterprise Systems Group would create a unit to manage strategy, planning and business operations, as well as a new unit to oversee global customer accounts.

"The objective behind this is to accelerate growth," Peter Blackmore, the head of HP's Enterprise Systems Group, said on a conference call to discuss the changes.

Blackmore added that the moves were "not a reflection of any problems but a reflection of opportunities."

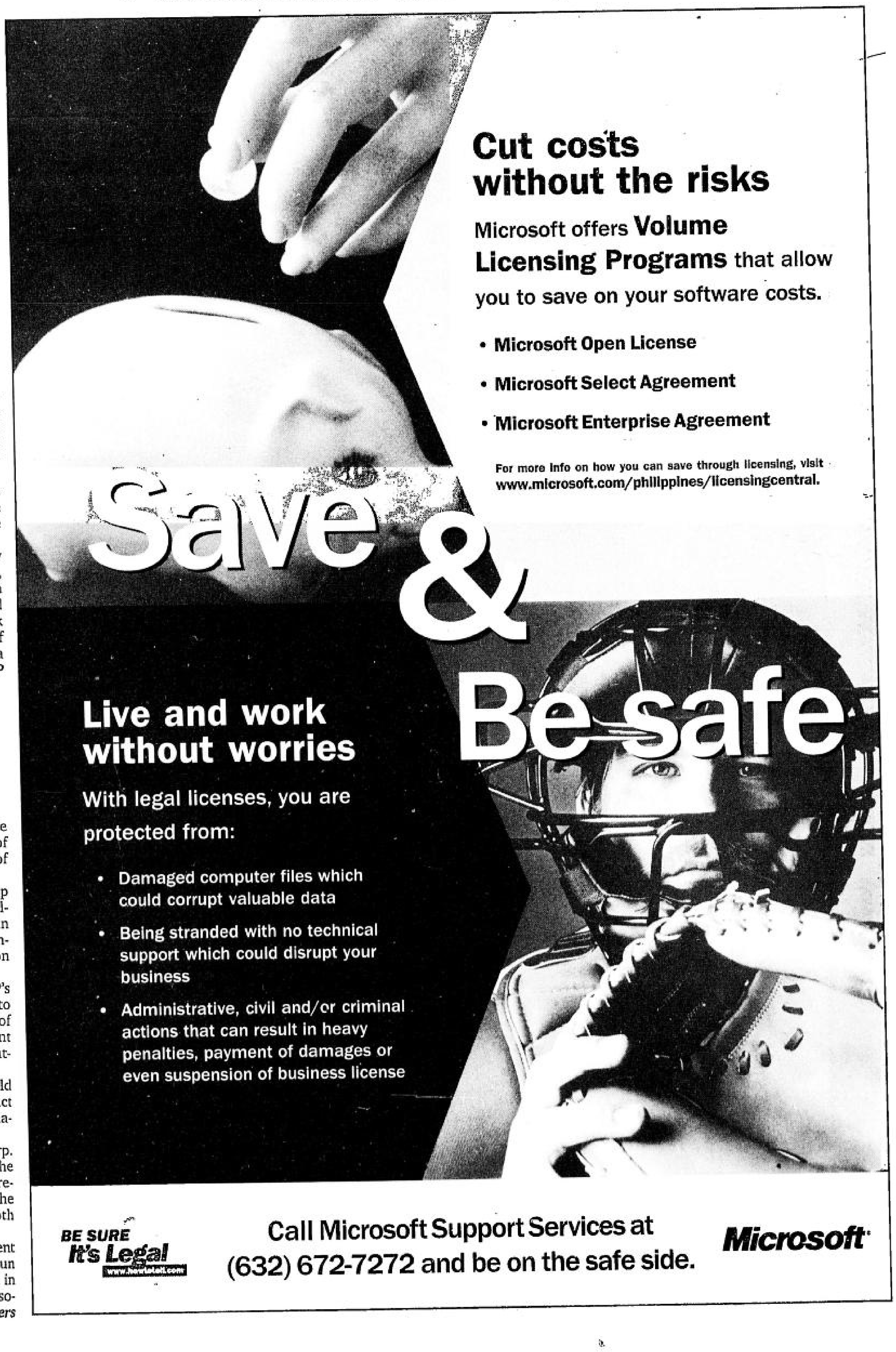
The Enterprise Systems Group had an operating loss of $83 million on revenue of $3.74 billion in the quarter ended Jan. 31, compared with a loss of $129 million in the prior quarter.

Blackmore again backed HP's pledge to return the group to profitability in the second half of the year. He declined to comment if there were any layoffs associated with the changes.

HP, for the most part, has held market share in its major product categories since the merger, analysts have said.

HP and Dell Computer Corp. have, however, swapped the crown of No. 1 PC maker in recent quarters, depending on the relative seasonal strength of both companies' businesses.

The new business management and operations group will be run by Howard Elias, who had been in charge of HP's network storage solutions unit. *Reuters*



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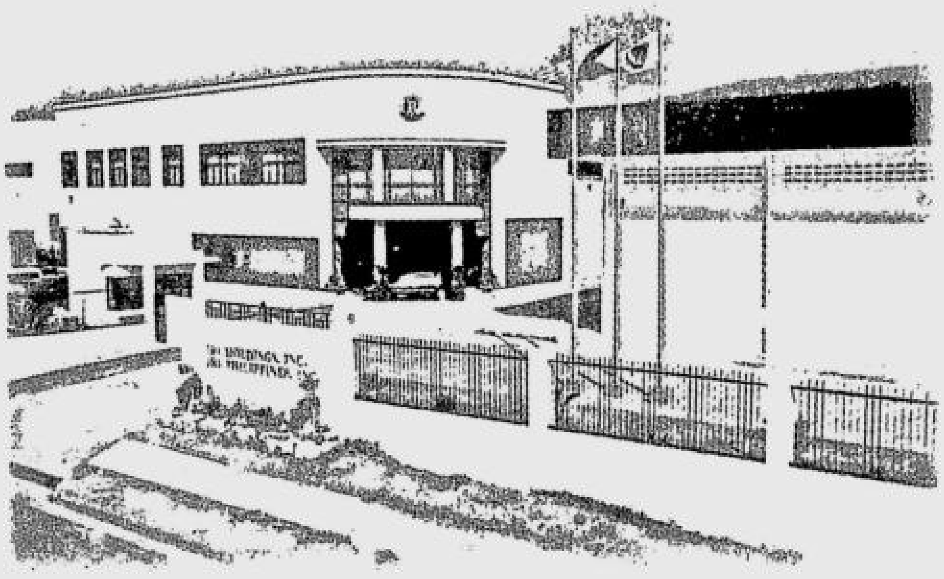


IRI Main Building

Incorporated on 7 December 2000, IRI's stability is partly due to its foreign financial backing, being a Philippine-Hong Kong joint venture. The incorporation saw the dynamic fusion of foreign financial and technological resources and Filipino talent. In January 2002, IRI as a locally-based central treating facility, began commercial operations, serving the waste disposal requirements of such multinational companies as Intel Philippines Manufacturing, Inc.; Philips Semiconductor; Amkor Technologies, Inc.; Integrated Micro-electronics, Inc.; Cypress Semiconductor Philippines, Inc.; Analog Devices; Integrated Device Technologies; Maxim Integrated Products; and PSI Technologies Inc.. Today, IRI is a completely viable venture with Php 200 million actual sales in its 1st year of operations.

Located in Calamba, Laguna, IRI facilities are strategically located close to its main clientele. It started out with a 2,500 sqm. building that houses its offices and production floor. This is occupied by its 36 employees (10 administrative and 26 operations staff). In June, 2002, it began expanding its operations with the construction of two new buildings to house a metal reclamation facility and additional warehouse. Today, IRI's total working area is 6,000 sqm. sitting on a 12,000 sqm. lot.

IRI offers only the best equipment to fully satisfy customer needs. In addition to state-of- the art machinery and equipment, its plants can boast of such features as environmentally safe processes, CCTV monitoring, other high security systems within the business park, and full insurance coverage.IRI is located in Carmelray Industrial Park II, a premiere industrial park which has a centralized waste water treatment facility and dedicated power supply by an independent power producer. The company's total investment on land, building and machinery amounts to over P200 million. Furthermore, it has the capability for local and worldwide pick-up, transport and handling; partnering with international shipping and forwarding companies to ensure the safe delivery of goods.

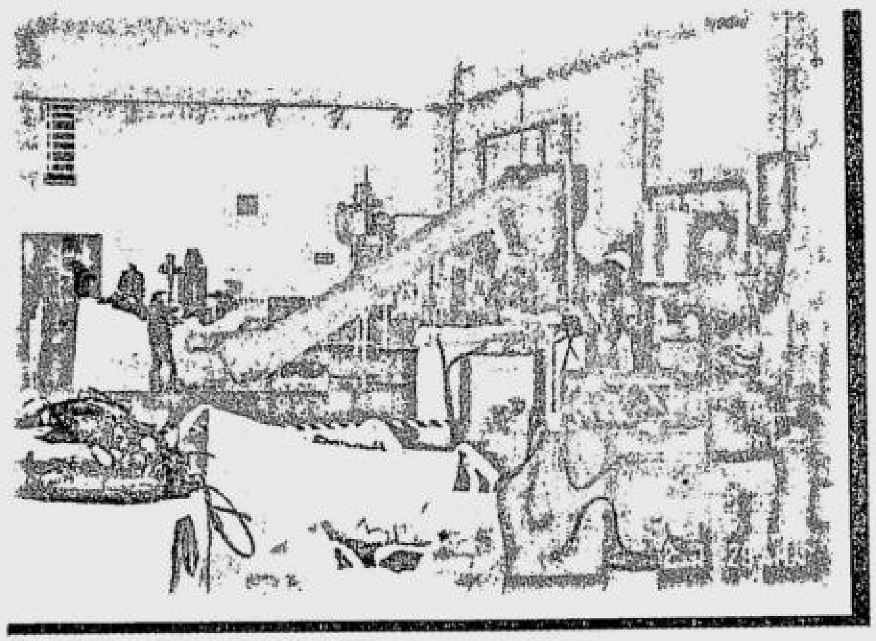
IRI lives up to its claim to be *Your Partner in Conserving the World's Resources.* It carries all the necessary permits and licenses issued by government to ensure environmental protection. These are: Philippine Economic Zone Authority registration, Environmental Clearance Certificates, and permits to operate from the DENR and the Laguna Lake Development Authority. It also has the Environmental Management Bureau Accreditation as hazardous waste transporter, treater and storage facility. Its recent certifications, namely: ISO 14000 for excellent environmental management system and ISO 9001:2000 for its quality management system, are further proof of IRI's commitment not just to environmental conservation, but to excellence as well.

This commitment to excellence is borne out of IRI's desire to achieve total customer satisfaction. Not only does the company guarantee destruction of all production rejects and substandard products, it also ensures protection of proprietary intellectual products. In place are procedures to protect confidential information, satisfy traceability requirements, and ensureaccountability.

IRI's vision includes becoming a total waste management company. It aims to become a one-stop waste disposal company for its customers wherein it will handle all of their waste disposal requirements.

For 2003, the company plans to set-up a materials analysis laboratory to facilitate the determination of the metals composition of the materials being purchased. The laboratory will be completed in the 3rd quarter of this year. Another project being undertaken is the setting-up of a metal reclamation facility in the Philippines. Completion date of this project is end of 2003. These projects will bring the company closer to its vision of becoming a total waste management company.

The IRI Family



IRI Operations in Action

MILESTONES

1993 - Established Philippine buying office
December 2000 - Incorporated new Philippine corporation
January 2001 - Received approval of PEZA Registration
September 2001 - Completed construction of Building 1
January 2002 - Started commercial operations
February 2002 - Received approval of SEIPI (Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines, Inc.) membership
June 2002 - Held groundbreaking for Expansion Project
August 2002 - ISO 14000 Certified
October 2002 - ISO 9001: 2000 Certified
January 2003 - Completed Expansion Project
April 2003 - Passed ISO 14000 surveillance audit

THE IRI MISSION

As a new company in the Philippines, it is our mission to be the leading facility for the management and disposal, under a world-class quality system, of industrial solid wastes with initial focus on scrap and reject materials from the electronics and semiconductor industry, employing highly-trained Filipino talent and complying with international and local environmental laws and regulations.

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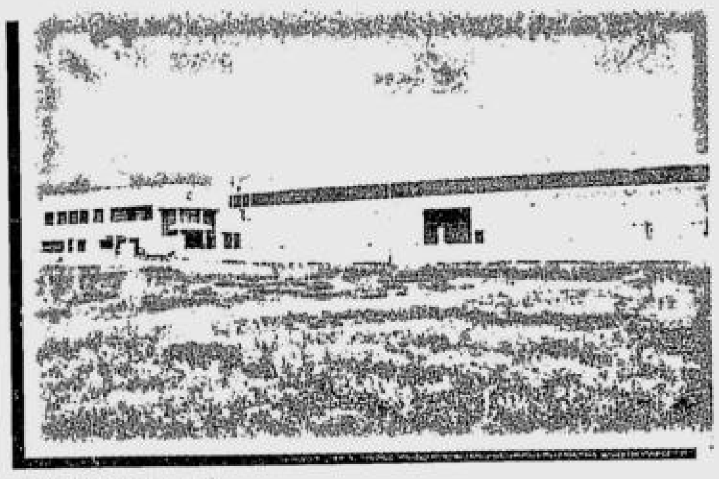
IRI: Partnering with Industry for Sustainable Development through Waste Management

It has been over ten years since the 1992 Earth Summit produced Agenda 21 in Rio de Janeiro, and a year after the Johannesburg Summit reviewed the attempts of the world to ensure the material well-being and the quality of life of the present populations and future generations. The continuing concern — how to promote growth and yet preserve the environment, health, and safety or what is referred to as "sustainable development." In both meetings, waste management, specifically waste reduction and recycling, has emerged as a clear response. With the growing social and environmental concern in the rising volume of waste sent for disposal in landfills, waste management will continue to be a key to sustainable development in the coming years. IRI does its share in addressing the need for global conservation of resources and promoting sustainable development precisely through waste management. At present, it responds to the need of the semiconductor and electronics industry to recover solid waste in an environmentally sound and globally competitive manner. Eventually, IRI sees itself becoming a total waste management company handling liquid waste as well and servicing other industries.



IRI Compound

Two New Buildings for the Metal Reclamation Facility and Additional Warehouse

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MESSAGE

On behalf of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), I would like to congratulate the Integrated Recycling Industries Philippines, Inc. for contributing to the preservation of our environment by processing scrap materials generated by semiconductor and electronics companies.

Not only are you are reducing the wastes that need to be collected and thrown into sanitary landfills, but by being an ISO-certified company (ISO 9001 and ISO 14001), you have also proven that you practice what you preach. This is an example worthy of emulation.

I visited your website and if the photographs there represent reality, then, I must say that what you have done is impressive. I look forward to visiting your plant in the near future.

The DENR, as Chair of the National Solid Waste Management Commission, is constantly seeking the active participation of other stakeholders in the implementation of Republic Act 9003 - the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. We are thankful that we have an ally and a partner in your company in finding solutions to our country's waste problem. We hope that you will continue to contribute towards building a strong republic while fulfilling the mandates of RA 9003.

Once again, congratulations and good luck!

ELISEA G. GOZUN
Secretary

MESSAGE

I extend my warmest congratulations to Integrated Recycling Industries Philippines, Inc. (IRI Philippines) for its most valuable contribution in preserving the Philippine environment. IRI Philippines has been in the forefront of acquiring production scraps, including hazardous and non-biodegradable materials, from companies inside PEZA economic zones and responsibly disposing these materials through recycling or metal reclamation.

PEZA, through the Camelray Industrial Park II Special Economic Zone is very proud to host IRI Philippines. Although only on its second year of operation in the Philippines, it has significantly expanded its operations with the completion of its two new buildings for its metal reclamation facility. This is in preparation for the eventual and full implementation of the Basel Convention that would prohibit the export of industrial wastes to other countries.

I would also like to commend IRI Philippines for being granted the ISO 14001 certification for its excellent environment management system as well as the ISO 9001: 2000 certification for its quality management system. These ISO certifications are concrete manifestations that the services of IRI Philippines meet its clientele's most stringent quality requirements.

I am confident that Integrated Recycling Industries Philippines, Inc. will continue to achieve success in its operations in the country and thereby help the Philippines in its efforts towards attaining sustainable development.

Congratulations and Mabuhay!

LILIA B. DE LIMA
Director General

MESSAGE

The IRI Management and Staff have truly accomplished so much in so short a time from its start of operations which dates back one year and four months ago. The celebration of its ISO registration reflects its commitment to quality and to the environment as an equally important ingredient in IRI's corporate being.

Equally significant is that IRI is 100 percent Filipino in operations!

Mabuhay!

Dr. E. G. Alabastro
Director, R & D

MESSAGE

It is with great pride that we highlight the achievements of the IRI team for the past 16 months. In such a short span of time, notwithstanding the continued slump of the semiconductor and electronics industry, this team has performed above expectations.

Aside from registering a modest profit on the first year of operations, IRI has worked for and obtained certifications for both ISO 9001: 2000 and ISO 140001. I would like to credit the team, together with the support of our customers, for these achievements.

Also, we are proud to offer a better choice to our customers for the disposal of their scrap materials. We ensure protection of our customers' intellectual properties while at the same time, the protection of the environment.

To our customers, our commitment is to continuously improve to be able to satisfy your requirements. To our community, our commitment is to protect the environment through clean processes and conserve the world's natural resources.

We commit to be partners for sustainable development.

God bless and MABUHAY!

LEE SALVATORE R. ECHIVERRI
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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Integrated Recycling Industries Philippines, Inc. (IRI) is committed to having safe, environmentally sensitive and responsible processes in the reclamation of precious and non-ferrous metals; recycling of metals and plastic; and treatment of waste of its clients' scrap, reject and excess materials. It is committed to assisting its customers on their waste disposal requirements especially in areas that impact the environment. It will work closely with its customers and the community to meet environmental expectations. It is committed to improving its cost and cost efficiencies as well as its customers' by reducing, reusing, and recycling materials. It commits to comply with all existing environmental laws and regulations, and adapt to future legislation and regulations by being continuously updated on these. Furthermore, this policy establishes the framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets with the intent of preventing pollution, protecting the environment, conserving natural resources, ensuring the safety of its employees and the community and continually improving environmental performances for present and future generations.

QUALITY POLICY

To achieve total customer satisfaction by providing quality, responsible and prompt scrap disposal services. It is Integrated Recycling Industries Philippines, Inc.'s commitment to ensure trust, integrity, and transparency through a dedicated, knowledgeable, and competent workforce.

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IRI Hosts EMB-Semiconductor/Electronics Industry Dialogue

Integrated Recycling Industries Philippines, Inc. is holding a *kapihan*-style dialogue between officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources -Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) and representatives of the semiconductor and electronics industry in the Calabarzon area. This will be held on May 5, 2003 at the Conference Rm. of the Administration Bldg. of Carmelray Industrial Park II, Calamba, Laguna.

The dialogue aims to bring environmental issues closer to the industry by providing it with a venue for an exchange of views with government. A productive interaction is expected to take place on the current initiatives of the DENR-EMB and its Regional Office in the area, in the implementation of relevant environmental rules and regulations.

Programme

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:05	Invocation	
9:05 - 9:10	Philippine National Anthem	
9:10 - 9:20	Welcome Remarks	Lee Salvatore R. Echiverri General Manager, IRI Philippines, Inc.
9:20 - 9:30	Overview of Meeting	Dr. Edgardo Alabastro Member, Board of Directors
9:30 - 10:00	Pending Bills and Regulations	Julian D. Amador Director, DENR – Environmental Management Bureau
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15- 10:45	Current Initiatives for Simplified and Close Interaction with EMB	Luciano G. Homilla Regional Director DENR – Environmental Management Bureau, Region IV
10:45 - 12:00	Open Forum	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch/Socials	
1:00	Plant Tour	

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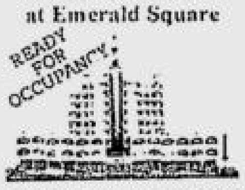

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DBP Development Bank of the Philippines

INVITATION FOR TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on May 21, 2003, 2:00 p.m., Auditorium of the DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. cor. Makati Ave., Makati City for the following properties on CASH BASIS:

CODE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION		MINIMUM BID
REAL ESTATE				
MANILA				
	No. 6 Balete Drive, Quezon City	4 condominium units with patio and garage:		
AMD-ED-25a		2-units, 261.70 m² (CCT Nos. N-24864 & 24865)	P	3,140,000.00
AMD-ED-25b		1-unit, 157.60 m² (CCT No. N-24867)	P	1,891,200.00
AMD-ED-25c		1-unit, 130.85 m² (CCT No. N-24866)	P	1,570,200.00
AMD-MR-26a	Ocean Park Ave., Ocean Park Subd. (Bagbag), Quezon City	479 m² vacant residential lot (TCT No. N-213870)	P	2,155,500.00
AMD-MR-26b	Vinegar St., Llenado Subd., Karuhatan, Valenzuela City	2 adjoining vacant residential lots with total area of 465 m² (TCT Nos. V-61056 and V-61057) with fence	P	1,802,000.00
AMD-ED-27a	Monserrat Hills St., La Milagrosa Village, Marikina Heights, Marikina City	300 m² vacant residential lot (TCT No. 275009)	P	557,000.00
AMD-ED-27b		300 m² vacant residential lot (TCT No. 275203)	P	557,000.00
BATANGAS				
AMD-JB-28a	Bo. San Felix, Sto. Tomas	3 adjoining residential lots with total area of 1,672 m² (T.D. Nos 009-1676R, 009-1678R & 009-1679R) with bldgs. and imprvts.	P	2,888,100.00
AMD-JB-28b	Liza Cmpd., San Roque, Sto. Tomas	325 m² residential lot (TCT No. T-89539) with bldg. and imprvts.	P	1,520,000.00
AMD-ED-29	Bgy. Sta. Rita (Carsada), Batangas City	2 adjoining semi-commercial lots with total area of 590 m² (TCT Nos. T-43159 and T-43160)	P	2,100,000.00
BULACAN				
	Bo. Pulong Yantok, Angat	Vacant residential/commercial lots:		
CSP-03a		632 m² (TCT No. T-41100 M)	P	1,074,400.00
CSP-03b		530 m² (TCT No. T-41101 M)	P	901,000.00
CAVITE				
AMD-ED-30	Lot 3, Blk 9, Regino St., Prima Homes, Bucandala III, Alapan, Imus	41 m² residential lot (TCT No. T-1036389) with bldg. and imprvts.	P	196,900.00
NUEVA ECIJA				
AMD-JB-31a	Pabalan Subd., Abar 1st, San Jose City	283 m² residential lot (TCT No. 12490)	P	79,300.00
AMD-JB-31b		283 m² residential lot (TCT No. 12491)	P	79,300.00
AMD-JB-31c		198 m² residential lot (TCT No. 12493)	P	55,500.00
AMD-JB-31d		198 m² residential lot (TCT No. 12485)	P	55,500.00
PANGASINAN				
AMD-MR-32	Pagal District, San Carlos City	4 parcels of adjoining industrial lots with total area of 11,200 m² (TCT Nos. 32082 to 32085) with bldgs. and imprvts.	P	14,513,000.00
QUEZON				
AMD-MR-33	Mamala, Sariaya	62,108 m² interior lot (TCT No. T-392734) with bldgs. and imprvts.	P	24,613,700.00
RIZAL				
AMD-ED-34	Bo. San Isidro, Antipolo City	2 adjoining interior vacant farm lots with total area of 2,537 m² (TCT Nos. 373101 and 373102)	P	1,014,300.00
AMD-ED-25d	Bermuda Heights Subd., Bos. Ibayo and San Isidro, Antipolo City	336 m² subdivision lot (TCT No. 403152)	P	537,600.00
AMD-ED-25e		337 m² subdivision lot (TCT No. 403153)	P	539,200.00
AMD-ED-25f		300 m² subdivision lot (TCT No. 403154)	P	480,000.00
AMD-ED-25g		277 m² subdivision lot (TCT No. 403155)	P	443,200.00
AMD-ED-25h		322 m² subdivision lot (TCT No. 403156)	P	515,200.00
AMD-ED-25i		287 m² subdivision lot (TCT No. 403157)	P	459,200.00
CHATTELS (sale on "as-is, where-is" basis)				
AMD-MR-35	La Campana Cmpd., EDSA, Balintawak, Quezon City	1 lot heavy equipment for road construction	P	2,400.00 to 240,000.00

BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the AMD-Acquired Assets, 2nd Floor, DBP Head Office during office hours; and
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences. The sale shall be subject to other terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Bank.

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For inquiries, please call telephone numbers:
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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Rommel Go Fuentes was extrajudicially settled by his heirs per Doc. #9089, Page #62, Book #35, Series of 2003 of Notary Public Danilo B. Banares of Makati City (PDI-April 28, May 5, 12, 2003)

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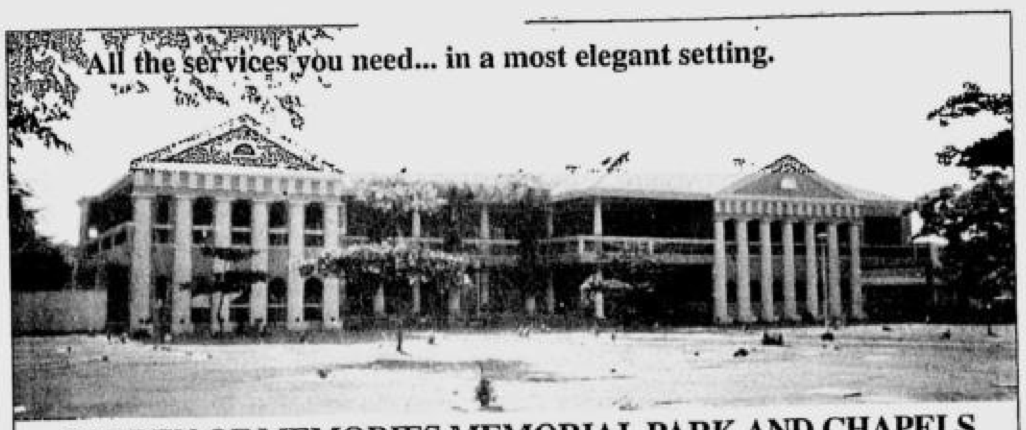

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"And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure because you protect me from the power of death. I have served you faithfully and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead." — **Psalm 16.9-10**

Our Dearly Beloved

AURORA PUNZALAN PUA

Now peacefully rests in the Infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on April 30, 2003 at age of 53.

Her beloved husband **Avelino T. Pua**; her son **Michael** and wife **Loida** & her daughter **Michelle** and husband **Phillip Lim**; her grandchildren **Whimpee, Kate, Kyle, Jace & Michaela**.

Her mother, her brothers and their wives, her sisters and their husbands, her nephews and nieces request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Park Chapels, A. Bonifacio Avenue, Tanong, Marikina City until 12:00 noon of May 06, 2003.

IGNACIO "IMPOK" VIDAMO AURE, SR.

Son of the late Gen. Marcelino "Alapaap" Aure.

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on May 03, 2003 at the age of 88.

His loving children Atty. Ignacio "Danny" N. Aure, JR., Ana Maria "Nina" N. Aure-Esguerra, Ignacio "Nong N. Aure, Jr., Alicia "Alice" N. Aure-Pantaleon, Concepcion "Concep" C. Aure-Berger, Leonor "Noy" C. Aure-Aquino, Emmanuel "Manny" C. Aure"; the in-laws, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel 5, New Building, 2nd Floor, La Funeraria Paz Inc., Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment will be on May 6, 2003 (Tuesday) at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina right after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

"I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing".
Genesis 12:2

Our Dearest Mama,

Aida Valdés y Abad Santos

(April 27, 1926 to May 1, 2003)

Peacefully joined our Lord on the 1st of May, 2003 at the age of 77.

Her loving husband Amb. Carlos J. Valdés; Children, Gabby, Butch, Nena, Binky, Chona, Johnny, Teri, Barry, Gina, Benjie (†), and Regina; Children-in-law, Pamela, Jorge, Vic and Ricky; Grandchildren, Bea, Martin, Marga and Pilar, Itos, Anton, Angela, Stella, Joaquin, Chinito, Karissa and Kiana; Carlo, Gino, Paolo and Marco; Augusto; Andrea, Isabel and Roman; Ian, Franco, Benji and Ida; Karl; Quintin and Lope; Great-grandchildren, Dino and Nicolo, and the rest of her family, request pious readers to remember Mama in their prayers, for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Manila, Q.C., Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. Funeral Mass will be on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. Cremation will follow and thereafter her remains will be transferred to our San Juan residence.

"Behold my servant whom I have chosen my beloved in whom I delight".
Matthew 12:18

PASCUALA DELA CRUZ-DEL ROSARIO

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Born: May 17, 1920

Peacefully joined our Lord on the 3rd day of May, 2003 at the age of 82.

Her husband (†) **Teodulo del Rosario (Ong Kim Leong)**; children **Reynaldo, Nestor, Anita, Danilo, Erlinda and Eduardo**; children-in-law **Josie, Lita, Boyett, Celing, Orly**, and **Alvia**; grandchildren **Resie, Josielyn, Renielyn, Rosario, Jeffrey, Carolie, Ryan, Macy, Jojie-Dae, Edwin-Lanie, Ariel, Arlene, Arwin-Rina, Arman, Aiza, Archie, Patrick, Michael, Kristen, Mikko, Nikki**, and **Kim**; great-grandchildren **Calvin, Chelsea, Cobie, Kerbie**, and **Angel**; and the rest of her family, request the pious readers to remember *Nanay* in their prayers, for eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, Guinayang, San Mateo, Rizal.

Interment will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at 12:00 NN, Paraiso Memorial Park.

"You have made us for You, O Lord, and restless will our heart be until it rests in You."

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"
– 2 Timothy 4:7

OUR DEARLY BELOVED

LORENZO SIAZON TRINIDAD, SR.

Peacefully joined our Lord on 01 May 2003 at the age of 78.

His wife **ROSALIA DE LEON-TRINIDAD**; children **CLARIBEL TRINIDAD, EMMA** and **TONY FARINAS, EDNA** and **PAT JUNIO, FERNANDO** and **CECILIA VILLASENOR-TRINIDAD, JUN** and **MALOU GARCIA-TRINIDAD, ROSALITO TRINIDAD** (+), **JOJO** and **BING TEOFILO-TRINIDAD, ROSE** and **EPHRAIM LASAM, LUMEN** and **HENRY BELLO, LITO TRINIDAD, RICKY TRINIDAD** (+); grandchildren **PONG, JASON** and **SHEILA, GIE, LEN, ALLAN, BUDS** and **JOHN, JON** and **RYANN, JEN, CANDY, BJ, DOY** (+), **DAM, BYRON, ANNE, SAH, ANCIS, NORMAN, LENS, TIN, BALDO, NASH, RUSSEL, JON**; great-grandchildren **XANDRIA, PURIKA, BEA, RL, JUDE, TRISH**; relatives and friends request pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the TRINIDAD residence at CENTRO NORTE, ALCALA, CAGAYAN.

Interment will be on 07 May 2003 at the ALCALA CEMETERY after the mass at 9:00 am at the St. Philomene Parish Church.

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EUGENIO "CHIMBOY" R. PAGUIA

Joined our Creator on May 1, 2003 at the age of 64.

Chim's loving wife **Myrna**; children **Pinky-Jojo, Simon, Ernest-Kay, Encheng, Popie** and **Mikee**; grandchildren **Tin Tin, G.A.** and **Jared**; siblings **Chiquit Paguia-Sanchez** and **Victor Paguia**, and relatives request friends, colleagues and all who know Chim to pray for the eternal rest of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Ipil Chapel, Funeraria Paz, Manila Memorial Park in Sucat, Parañaque City.

Cremation will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, 7:00 a.m. at the Funeraria Paz Crematorium.

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sa edad na 62 noong Abril 30, ganap na alas 11:30 ng gabi.

Naulila niya ang kanyang maybahay na si **Greta N. Reyes** at mga anak na sina **Rainy, Reynalou, Reysamin, Rechelle, Christopher** at **Rey**.

Ang kanyang mga labi ay nakaburol sa kanilang tahanan sa Mambangnan, San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija.

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date : April 28, 2003
Contract No. SP-041-IN-01
World Bank Loan No. 4446PH

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Local Government Finance Development and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the **Construction of Public Market with River Landing**. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*
2. **The Municipality of Can-avid, Eastern Samar** invites sealed bids from eligible sources for **the Construction of Five (5) Units concrete public market building** to wit:

Building I & II (One storey)	– 144 sq.m. each with a total of 16 stalls
Building III (One storey)	– 210 sq.m. with 28 stalls
Building IV & V (One storey)	– 126 sq.m. each with a total of 14 stalls
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One (1) Unit Concrete Public Toilet	– 25.6 sq.m.
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3. Bidding documents may be purchased starting **April 29 - May 28, 2003** at the **Municipal Treasurer's Office, Can-avid, Eastern Samar** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred (3,500.00) Pesos** or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency for each set. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of **Ninety (90)** days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of **Three Hundred Thousand (300,000.00) Pesos** in a form of cash, certified check, bank guarantee or its equivalent in a convertible currency, and shall be delivered to **the Office of the Municipal Mayor, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, Can-avid, Eastern Samar** on or before **May 28, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.** at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.
5. A pre-bid conference will be held on **May 15, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.** at the **Sangguniang Bayan Conference Hall, Can-avid, Eastern Samar.**

(Sgd.) HON. GIL NORMAN P. GERMINO
Municipal Mayor

(PDI–April 28, May 5 & 12, 2003)

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   Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) P7,249,257.63
   Source of Funding Supplies & Materials

Interested bidders must secure the Eligibility Requirements from the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, 6th Floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. Only the eligible bidders shall be required to pay the non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 for item #1 and P5,000.00 for item #2 to cover the cost of the bidding documents/Request for Proposals (RFP). For any inquiry, please call telephone numbers 922-2991 or 920-6401 local 5490/5491. Below is the deadline for the submission of eligibility documents.

Item No.	Deadline
1	May 15, 2003
2	May 16, 2003

The SSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any formality or technicality, and to award to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the SSS. The SSS neither assumes any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of their respective bids, nor does the SSS guarantee that an award will be made.

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Loan No. : **4108-PH**
IFB Title : **Supply and Installation of a Local Area Network**
IFB No : **PISU-CO/252002**

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost the Third Elementary Education Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of Loan to payments under the agreement(s) resulting from this IFB for the supply and installation of a Local Area Network.
2. The Department of Education now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the supply and installation of a local area network inclusive of:
   - One year on-site maintenance.
   - Three years' hotline/online support.
   - Three years parts and labor warranty (on-site).
   - User application training (internet, email, use of shared servers etc.).
   - Training for system maintenance, administration, troubleshooting, report creation and management.
3. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits* and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines* that meet the following minimum qualification stipulated in Section II, Bid Data Sheet, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) Clause 6.1 (a).
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Department of Education and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below:
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Philippine Peso Three Thousand (PHP 3,000.00) or its equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. The method of payment will be in cash or cashier's/manager's check. The document will be available for collection by the bidders representative or, in the case of an international firm, sent by a reputable international courier on receipt of an additional payment of Philippine Peso Two Thousand (PHP 2,000.00) or its equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. **A complete set of Bidding Documents is available starting April 30, 2003.**
6. Bids must be delivered to the address shown below on or before 10:00 AM on **June 11, 2003.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to 2.5% of the total bid price. Late bids will be rejected.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00 AM, local time, on June 11, 2003, at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building 1, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines, Tel. No. (+632) 632-1361 local 2115 Telefax (+632) 636-6539. Pre-bid conference will be held on May 14, 2003, 10:00 AM at the venue mentioned above.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary

(PDI – May 3, 5 & 8, 2003)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The National Housing Authority through the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) is inviting private developers and contractors to undertake medium to high rise building construction under joint venture in the following project sites, to wit:

a. **Kalayaan Site 2 MRB / HRB Development** located at Kalayaan Avenue cor. Matino St., Diliman, Quezon City;
b. **Banahaw MRB / HRB Development** located at San Martin de Porres, Cubao, Quezon City; and
c. **Andrew Avenue MRB / HRB Development** located at Maricaban, Pasay City.

Interested developers and contractors may submit their letters of intent for any or all of the above projects addressed to the Chairman, Project Evaluation Committee, National Housing Authority, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Deadline of submission of pre-qualification documents is on **May 15, 2003.**

Checklist of requirements for pre-qualification of joint venture developers/partners and other pertinent documents relative thereto are available at the Office of the PEC Secretariat, 2nd Floor, NHA Main Building.

The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive formalities on any defects therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH PETER S. SISON
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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date April 28, 2003
Contract No SP-041-IN-01
World Bank Loan No 4446PH

1 The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Local Government Finance Development and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the Construction of Public Market with River Landing. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*

2. The Municipality of Can-avid, Eastern Samar invites sealed bids from eligible sources for the Construction of Five (5) Units concrete public market building to wit:

Building I & II (One storey)	144 [illegible] with a total of 16 stalls
Building III (One storey)	210 sq m 28 stalls
Building IV & V (One storey)	126 sq m each with a total of 14 stalls
Elevated Water Tank	1 000 liter capacity
One (1) Unit Concrete Public Toilet	5 6 sq m
Perimeter Fence	
Concrete Drainage System	
Electrical-Single phase line 2W se[illegible]	

3 Bidding documents may be purchased starting April 28 - May 28, 2003 at the Municipal Treasurer's Office, Can-avid, Eastern Samar upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred (3,500.00) Pesos or equivalent in a freely-convertible currency for each set. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address

4 Bids shall be valid for a period of Ninety (90) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of Three Hundred Thousand (300,000.00) Pesos in a form of cash, certified check, bank guarantee or its equivalent in a convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, Can-avid, Eastern Samar on or before May 28, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend

5 A pre-bid conference will be held on May 15, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the Sangguniang Bayan Conference Hall, Can-avid, Eastern Samar.

(Sgd.) HON. GIL NORMAN P. GERMINO
Municipal Mayor

(PDI–April 28, May 5 & 12, 2003)

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(PDI – May 4 & 5, 2003)

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(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUE[illegible]

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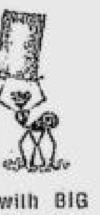

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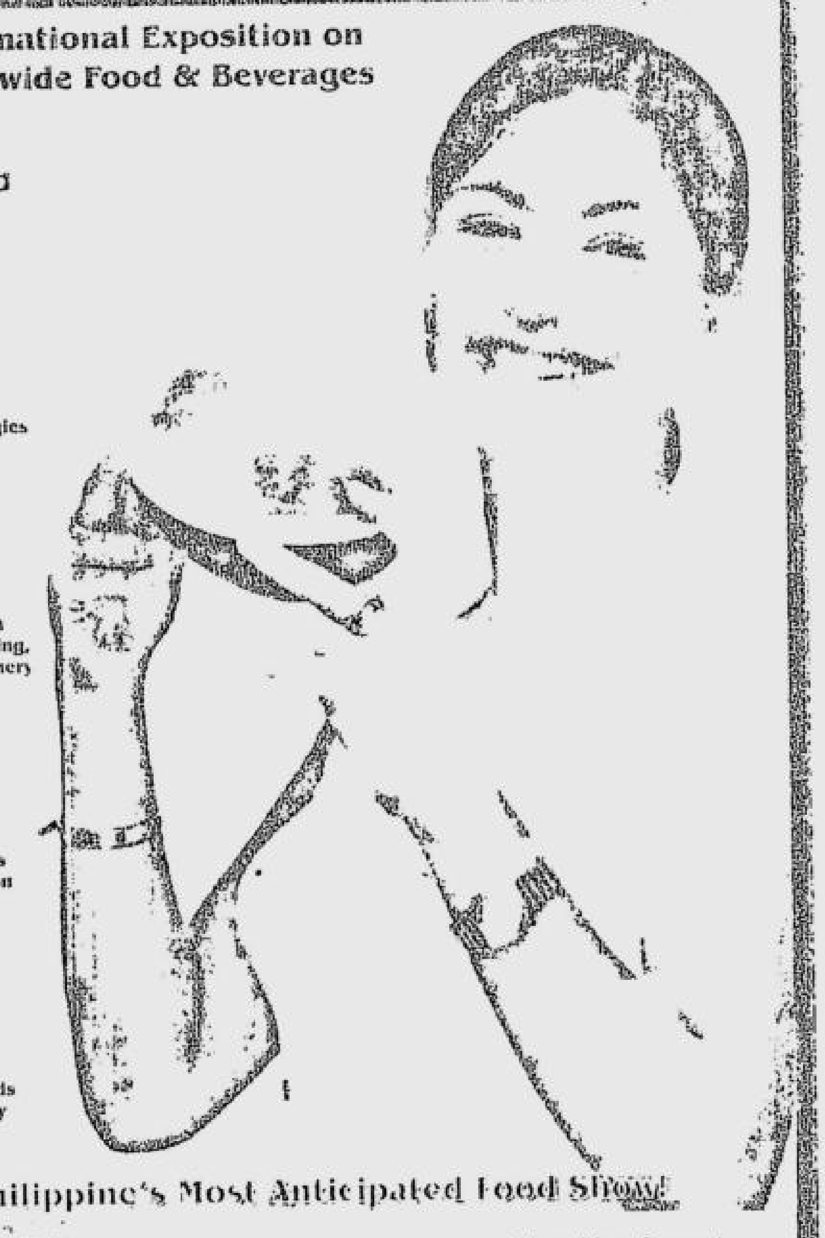

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Landmark hacking cases dragging on in local courts

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva

TWO landmark hacking cases in the Philippines involving an international business school have been dragging on in the local courts for close to a year now, an official told INQ7.net.

In an interview, Jaime Noel Santos, co-founder and director of Thames International Business School, said that the alleged hacking cases involving its former employees—Leilani Garcia and Ceasar Manalac—are moving slowly because of numerous cases being handled by the judges.

"The judges are handling a lot of cases, and thus they have to manage them. They could not spend so much time on just one. They cannot keep on hearing one because they have to be fair to everybody," Santos added.

With other cases piling up and the lack of judges in the Philippines, Santos admitted that the slow pace of the hacking cases is understandable.

"That's how things are. It's beyond the control of the judge. No wonder people are telling us this would drag on," said Santos.

In 2001, Thames filed two separate criminal complaints to the National Bureau of Investigation against Manalac—the school's former information technology support head—and Garcia, ex-systems coordinator of the school.

The cases were eventually elevated to the courts.

Both former employees of the school are now facing raps for allegedly violating the E-commerce Law, specifically the provision prohibiting acts such as hacking.

Hacking refers to any activity involving unauthorized access to a computer system to corrupt, alter, steal or destroy electronic data.

If found guilty, the accused may face a prison sentence of anywhere from six months to three years, apart from being charged a minimum fine of P100,000 plus a fee commensurate to the damage incurred by the plaintiff.

Manalac is also charged with qualified theft for allegedly stealing confidential documents from Thames by supposedly hacking into the school's system.

Santos noted that the qualified theft case against Manalac is the one that is moving well in a local court.

Since last year, the two hacking cases have faced delays due to the reshuffling of judges in the case of Garcia, and postponement of hearings due to a scheduled court accounting in the case of Manalac.

Manalac's case is now pending at the San Juan Metropolitan Trial Court, while Garcia's case is at the Pasig Metropolitan Trial Court.

Thames is a business school with operations in different countries including the Philippines. It offers two-year undergraduate programs validated by a body of the University of Cambridge.

The school, established in 2000, is owned and run by Vivienne Tan, daughter of tycoon Lucio Tan.

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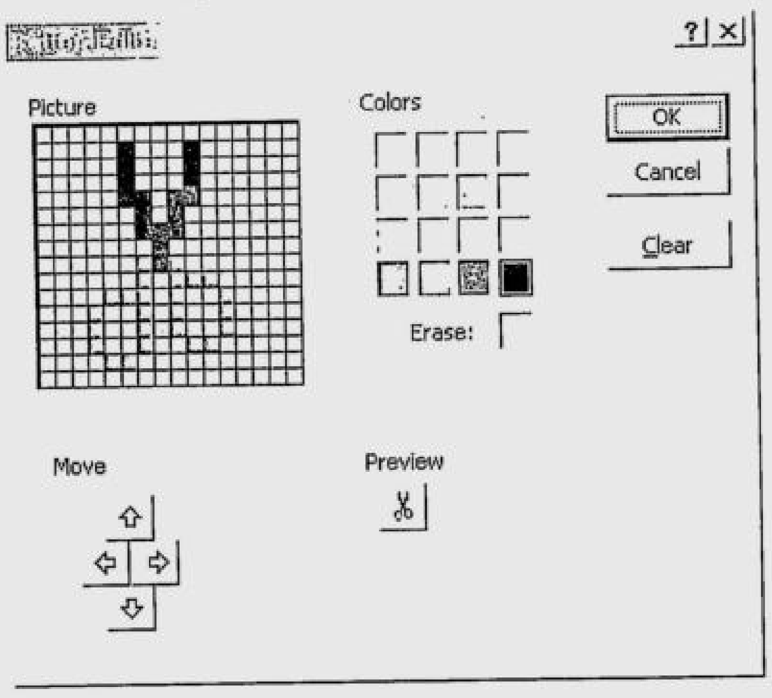

By Jerry Liao

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Creative does home entertainment

By Joel D. Pinaroc

COMPUTER audio giant Creative Technology is set to compete with more established industry players in the home entertainment market following the release of the company's latest digital audio and home entertainment products in the local market recently.

Known primarily as the developer and manufacturer of the popular Sound Blaster sound card, the company is zeroing in on the mass market in the Philippines, with its low-end pricing scheme for its gamut of products from the latest sound cards, PC cameras, MP3 players and speakers with support for the latest audio standards.

Company executives of Creative disclosed that the company would be going head-to-head with audio-visual behemoths Sony and Bose in the Philippine market, sans the high-end product pricing.

According to Anna Andres, head of marketing of Lamco International, Creative's local partner, "pricing for Creative's high-end products, such as the surround sound speakers, are lower than the prices of similar products from Sony and Bose."

The more than 20 products recently released, according to Andres, will cover Creative's version of the digital lifestyle, ranging from the latest sound cards, MP3 players, web cameras, to speakers with 5.1 surround sound and THX support.

Creative will not only target price-conscious audiophiles, but mobile music users as well as the company expressed intentions on being a player in the handheld MP3 player business, having released the Nomad Jukebox Zen player which doubles as a removable storage device.

A relatively new area for the company will be the peripherals market, specifically web cameras and input devices such as the optical wireless mouse as well as modems.

And despite the continuing gloom in the global market, the company is optimistic it would get a fair share of the home entertainment market which is fast becoming one of the most lucrative segments of the whole technology industry, according to recent research reports.

Further, company executives disclosed that sales were affected by a number of factors, including the Middle East conflict and most recently the SARS virus outbreak.

"Of course, everybody was affected by the slow economy. The month of April was specifically slow for us," Andres said, noting that Lamco's partners have also experienced difficulties in sales.

An MP3 Player in a Kalashnikov?

A PUBLISHER of MP3 audio books based in the United Kingdom has recently unveiled an MP3 player that can replace the ammunition clip of an AK-47 Kalashnikov assault rifle.

According to the AudioBooksForFree.com website, the portable MP3 jukebox can hold up to 9,000 songs or 3,000 hours of audio books using the MP3 audio format.

It also comes preloaded with over 200 audio MP3 books on its 20-gigabyte hard disk.

The MP3 player can also be used on its own.

"This is our bit for World Peace," said AudioBooksForFree.com partner, ex-rockstar Andrey Koltakov on the site. "Hopefully, from now on many militants and terrorists will use their AK-47s to listen to music and audio books. They need to chill out and take it easy."

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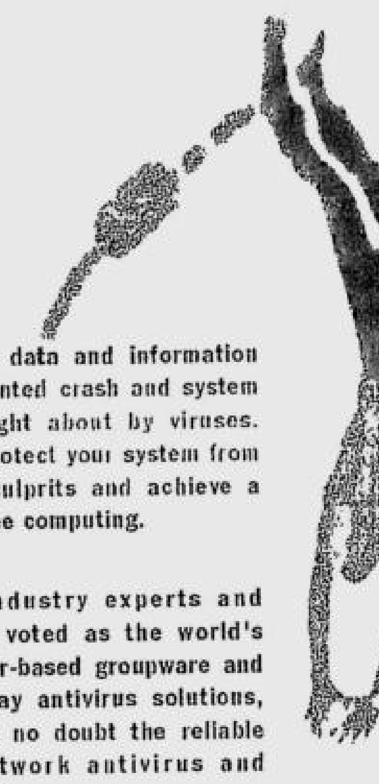
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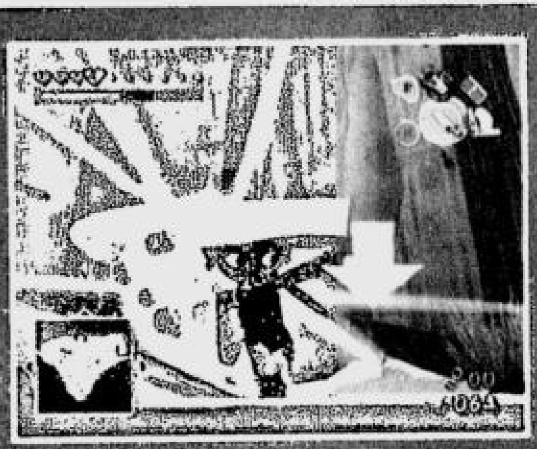

Zelda resets interactive entertainment standards

By Leo Magno

WHAT more can you add to the dozens of reviews from all the major gaming magazines worldwide which all say that "The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker" may yet be the best interactive game ever programmed to date?

I have some additions, and no doubt most of you will raise your eyebrows. I think Wind Waker's camera has problems in some parts of enclosed dungeons and boss fights. I think the game is too easy. I think the musical scoring in "The Legend of Zelda: The Ocarina of Time" is better. I think traveling around the ocean overworld is too tedious and travel time is needlessly long.

Now that I got your attention, let me just say that the above-mentioned complaints—all contained in one paragraph—are all the negative stuff I can say about this game. It's hard to find fault in Wind Waker, which consequently would render the remaining paragraphs of this review as praises. This is just a little caveat to all those who hate Nintendo: If you're a close-minded owner of competing consoles, kindly stop reading right now. Go back to your mailing list and post your rants there.

First off, the look. When the first one-minute video of Wind Waker was previewed to the press in Spaceworld Tokyo almost two years ago, people were shocked to see a cel-shaded version of Link. After the game's release in March, however, people realized that Nintendo made the right decision. Instead of making Link and his environs look more realistic, Shigeru Miyamoto and his team at Nintendo went back to the drawing boards and decided to tell the Wind Waker tale from the eyes of a child.

Take for example, the ocean overworld in Wind Waker which replaces the fields of Hyrule in Ocarina. While traveling from one end of the ocean to another is indeed a chore until you learn the Ballad of Gales to teleport yourself across the ocean, riding on Nintendo's impression of how a child sees the ocean is quite an experience indeed. Yes, I did mention the word "impression." The artwork and animation in Wind Waker is impressionistic. The ocean, for example, is just a field of blue with white lines and curves moving around it to give the impression of waves, foam, spray and the wake which the boat leaves on the ocean. As day turns into dusk and the moonlight shines on your boat, color changes and adjusting tides give you the impression that you are indeed sailing the sea at night. When rain threatens to pelt down on you, you can almost smell the negatively charged air as colors change hue to a grayish orange. And, to complete the immersive experience, seagulls race with you while squealing, accompanying the sound of the waves and the sound of your boat creaking.

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The graphics and animation of this game is nothing short of astounding. It is not through the immense number of polygons and half-baked attempts at realism by which Nintendo makes you feel that you're in Link's world; the beauty of it all is that Nintendo's artists fool us—without any polygon count overkill—into believing that we're actually experiencing what Link is hearing, seeing, tasting and feeling.

Yes, there are also feelings involved. The expressions of the cel-shaded characters—especially when Link is surprised or is looking at something to signify that an important item or character is around him—is totally convincing. The character design is also impressive; Nintendo was able to populate the Wind Waker universe with lovable characters with lots of—well—character.

There's a fine line between childish and childlike, and the former has been used to describe Nintendo games without basis. On the contrary, boss fights in Zelda are really clever and some of them are downright difficult. Some bosses require the use of one weapon for one part of the strategy, then requires the player to switch weapons for the second part of the strategy. The challenge is to find out what the right combinations are. The dungeons can also stump more mature players. Wind Waker, like Ocarina of Time, is based on the idea of exploration, experimentation and logical progression. You get an item at one place, then trade it for another and eventually find out what you can use it for later on in the game.

Moreover, there are a gazillion and one things you can do in this game. Like Ocarina of Time, Wind Waker is loaded with side quests and mini-games that break the usual pit of monotony which most adventure games fall into. Wind Waker is a free-roaming yet linear adventure game, but the amount of things you can do on the side is simply tremendous, giving it an enhanced gameplay which has been the trademark of Nintendo. And of course, what's a Zelda game without the quest for heart pieces which give Link more life energy? Searching for treasure in the seas and for heart pieces is surprisingly fun—you'd have to be a sorry person who never went through childhood to say that this game is only for kids. However, I like the way Nintendo positioned heart pieces in Ocarina of Time better than they did in Wind Waker. In Ocarina, some of the heart pieces can be seen by the player, but you just can't reach them or the way to the heart is blocked—it's just so excruciating the way you can see the heart piece and not be able to get to it. In Wind Waker, the heart pieces are hidden and you won't know you've gotten them until you follow a treasure map or side quest or play a mini-game. It's basically a surprise.

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Philippines clamping down on cybercrime

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva

FOR the past year, Philippine authorities have been silently pursuing several cases related to Internet crime in the country. And so far, most have ended up in Philippine courts, a special agent of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) told INQ7.net.

"The NBI has been clamping down on Internet-related crimes for over a year now. We currently have five pending cases in court, and six cases under investigation," said NBI special agent and lawyer Albert Froilan Gaerlan.

One of the high-profile cases pending in court is the one involving an American national suspected of operating a pornographic website in Metro Manila. Following a raid last year, the foreigner, identified as "Christian John Cole" now faces criminal charges for violating Article 201 of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, which prohibits the exhibition or publication of pornographic materials.

Gaerlan said that the NBI has also been helping US authorities go after Filipinos suspected of distributing pornography on the Internet.

One of these cases involved a certain "Gerardo Corpuz" who was first suspected by the State of New Jersey of publishing pornography through a computer hosting facility in the American state.

According to Gaerlan, the State of New Jersey eventually sought the help of the NBI, which subsequently launched a raid in the Filipino suspect's house following the issuance of a search warrant last year.

The NBI special agent said that Corpuz's lawyers were raising the issue of jurisdiction in a local court, saying the publication of the alleged pornographic materials was done overseas. The case is now pending.

Another pending case involved a certain "Benjie Garcia" who has also been allegedly involved in distributing pornography online.

Gaerlan said that Garcia, however, has cut a deal with US authorities, after he agreed to name his contacts with an alleged ring of pedophiles.

"Part of the deal is that Garcia would be removed from the indictment if he provides list of people," Gaerlan said.

Despite this turn of events, the NBI still filed a case against Garcia in a Philippine court, Gaerlan added.

According to the website of an international group called ECPAT, child pornographers had been using the Internet to distribute child pornography that makes use of Filipino children.

"There is also evidence that child pornography in magazines sold abroad promote the Philippines as a good place for child sex. Magazines carry pictures of naked Filipino children in sexually explicit and suggestive poses," the website added.

With the Internet becoming more pervasive, Gaerlan warned Filipinos from publishing or transmitting pornography online, as they might violate the law and end up in prison.

HANDSET SALES

SonyEricsson out, LG Electronics in

SOUTH Korean firm LG Electronics bumped off Sony Ericsson from the fifth spot in a latest report showing the global ranking of handset manufacturers based on their total handset shipments during the first quarter of 2003.

According to a study market research firm IDC, LG Electronics' aggressive product campaign and growing presence worldwide has pushed the company to the top 5 position with other companies including Nokia, Motorola, Samsung and Siemens.

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As of the first quarter of 2003, LG Electronics has shipped more than 5.6 million handsets worldwide, translating to a 5.2 percent global market share.

Total shipments for the first quarter of 2003 reached more than 107 million units.

Finnish firm Nokia maintained the No. 1 spot, with over 38 million units shipped during the said period. Nokia now controls 35.5 percent of the global mobile phone handset market.

Motorola follows with 16.7 million units shipped, followed by Samsung with 13.2 million units and Siemens with 8 million units. Other manufacturers including SonyEricsson make up the rest of the 25.9 million units shipped worldwide during the first quarter of 2003.

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Last year, another IDC study predicted a rebound in mobile phone sales in 2003, following a worst year in 2002.

The IDC figures were based on vendor shipments of branded products, but excludes sales of original equipment manufacturers.

Erwin G. Oliva

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American ran several online porn operations in RP, says NBI

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva

THE AMERICAN national allegedly running an online pornography service in Metro Manila maintained several operations in the Philippines, an official of the National Bureau of Investigation said.

The owner, only known by his alias "Christian John Cole" also ran operations in Cebu City and Angeles City, Pampanga, NBI special agent Albert Froilan Gaerlan said.

However, the two satellite operations were closed down after local authorities raided Cole's operations at the posh San Lorenzo Village in Makati City last year, Gaerlan added.

Two months ago, the NBI raided the supposed hideout of Cole in Batangas, said Gaerlan.

The raid led to the arrest of Cole's friends. Cole, however, eluded arrest.

Cole's case is now with the Department of Justice.

Net Ventures was tagged by authorities as the "biggest online pornography ring in the country" so far uncovered with operations earning between P100 million and P200 million a year, local authorities said.

Optical Media law needs spark plug

THE PHILIPPINES' quest to become an information technology services hub in Asia Pacific will get a boost if Congress passes a pending measure regulating the use of optical media in the country, industry and government officials said.

The Optical Media bill, which has already been passed by the House of Representatives, will help deter, if not eliminate, piracy in the Philippines, according to Intellectual Property Office director general Emma Francisco.

The House version of the bill aims to curb piracy by limiting the materials used to propagate intellectual property-infringing content.

It requires companies or individuals engaged in the reproduction of compact discs (CDs) and other "optical media" to secure licenses, and institutionalizes a "source identification code system." Violators face imprisonment and fines.

The measure will also dissolve the Videogram Regulatory Board and create in its place the "Optical Media Board," which will be placed under the Office of the President.

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Zelda resets . . .

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Admittedly, some of the treasure hunts and side quests are chores especially if you're traveling on the ocean, but these are things you can skip since you've got a limited space in your wallet anyway. This game still manages to be pleasing to the eyes, ears and fingers. I love the music on Outset and Windfall Islands. The way Link rolls around, attacks, crouches, sidles, grapples, climbs or flies using the Deku leaf are all a joy to control. This little guy has a lot of moves like Sam Fisher, and he uses items and weapons that are ingeniously embedded by Nintendo into dungeons. Solving them is never tiresome and is as challenging as finding out the weakness of one of those huge bosses.

Also, notice how the non-boss enemies (moblins and knights) exhibit intelligence in the sense that they throw things at you when they see you from afar, pick up their fallen weapons and search for you once they "smell" you. At one point, I was fighting two moblins and disarmed one—his sword-spear becoming irretrievable since it fell off the castle wall. He actually hit his moblin comrade, grabbed his spear and proceeded to attack me. This way, the fights never get boring. The enemy programming, non-player character programming and object programming of this game are superb. It is all these incidental elements that create one living, breathing environment.

Speaking of huge, this game is no guppy in the ocean. It took me exactly one month to finish the game, mainly because I tried all the side quests and mini-games and got most of the hearts and treasures in the game. Also, you're lucky if you get to beat a boss in the first round. I usually try to find out his weakness first until I expire, then try again the next round or, if needed, another round after that. I must admit, though, that I had to consult a walkthrough with Molgera—that irritating sandworm boss with lots of small sandworm babies flying around him.

Wind Waker promises you dozens of hours of great gameplay, has a great follow-up story to Ocarina of Time, has fantastic graphics and equally fantastic musical scoring and sound effects. It is an adventure seen through the eyes of Link, an adventure I was sad to have ended. Like any good book, I feel bad everytime a story has to end—this is the same case with Wind Waker.

And so, as far as interactive entertainment goes, it would be a sin to pass up Wind Waker which definitely raises the bar as far as this new medium is concerned.

But before that, try Ocarina of Time, a Zelda game which—in 1998—was praised as probably the best adventure game ever designed. Today, its sequel Wind Waker, is getting the same accolade.

Expect Wind Waker to win gaming, animation, entertainment or graphics awards toward the end of the year.

EnigmaTech: Emerging Market 2002 Genuine Intel Dealer of the Year for Northern Philippines - Luzon

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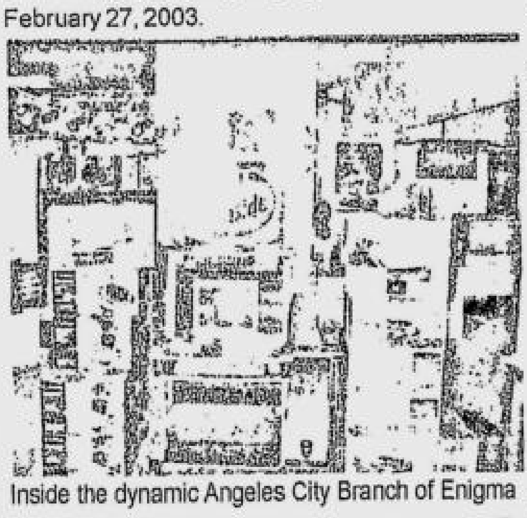
ANGELES CITY - ENIGMA TECHNOLOGIES INC. with its very aggressive marketing drive in year 2002 was given special honors in an awarding ceremony held at Dencio's Bar & Grill, The Fort, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila on February 27, 2003.



Inside the dynamic Angeles City Branch of Enigma

The award - **Emerging Market 2002 GENUINE Intel DEALER OF THE YEAR for Northern Philippines - Luzon** was handed to General Manager Mr. Wenny Adorador by INTEL Microelectronics Phils., Inc. Country Manager Mr. Ricky Banaag in recognition of its exceptional performance among all Intel Channel members of Tier 3 Cities in Luzon and its valuable contribution to the local Intel Channel Business for 2002.

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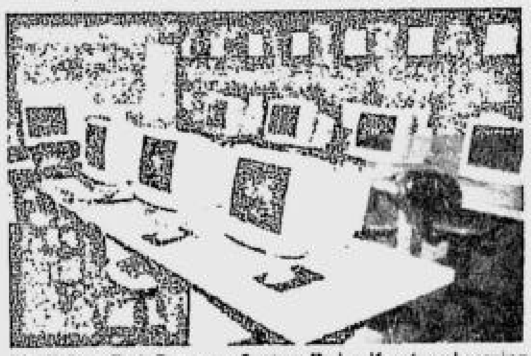
EnigmaTech: 2002 Milestones

Aside from the Intel Special Award, Enigma has many other milestone accomplishments in the year 2002, as follows

- **June 2002** - opened a Resource Center after it was authorized by Utah, US-based Keystone learning system to provide computer-based training for 25 Information Technology refresher courses
- **July 2002** - was selected as a non-exclusive regional DISTRIBUTOR and service center for Fuji Xerox
- **October 2002** - was appointed as Authorized Partner of US-based Epicor Software Corporation for the distribution of its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System
- **December 2002** - became an Authorized Prometric Testing Center for IT certification



The EnigmaTech Resource Center offering Keystone Learning Systems and serving as Prometric Testing Center

To prove that Enigma is not resting on its laurels, it has recently obtained an authorization from Hewlett Packard as an EXTENDED SERVICE PROVIDER (ESP) and is working out for the same status with Samsung Electronics, APC and EPSON.

EnigmaTech's steady growth

ENIGMA TECHNOLOGIES INC. Enigma Technologies, Inc. opened on August 8, 2001 amidst the flagging Philippine economy. Seeing opportunity in crisis, five Filipinos, three of whom have extensive IT experience, believed in the potential of going into the computer and information technology industry.

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In June 2002, EnigmaTech opened its first branch outlet in Baguio City. Two more branches are in the pipeline with a target opening by early next year if not in the latter part of this year

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Consistent with its vision, EnigmaTech began to search for partnership with internationally-renowned companies that could help it establish a stronghold in the business solutions market. A tie-up was eventually forged with Epicor Software Corporation, a US-based company that has carved a niche in the middle-end SME market with its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System. Enigmatech is currently negotiating a contract with Royal Tern Ceramics for its very first ERP implementation in the country

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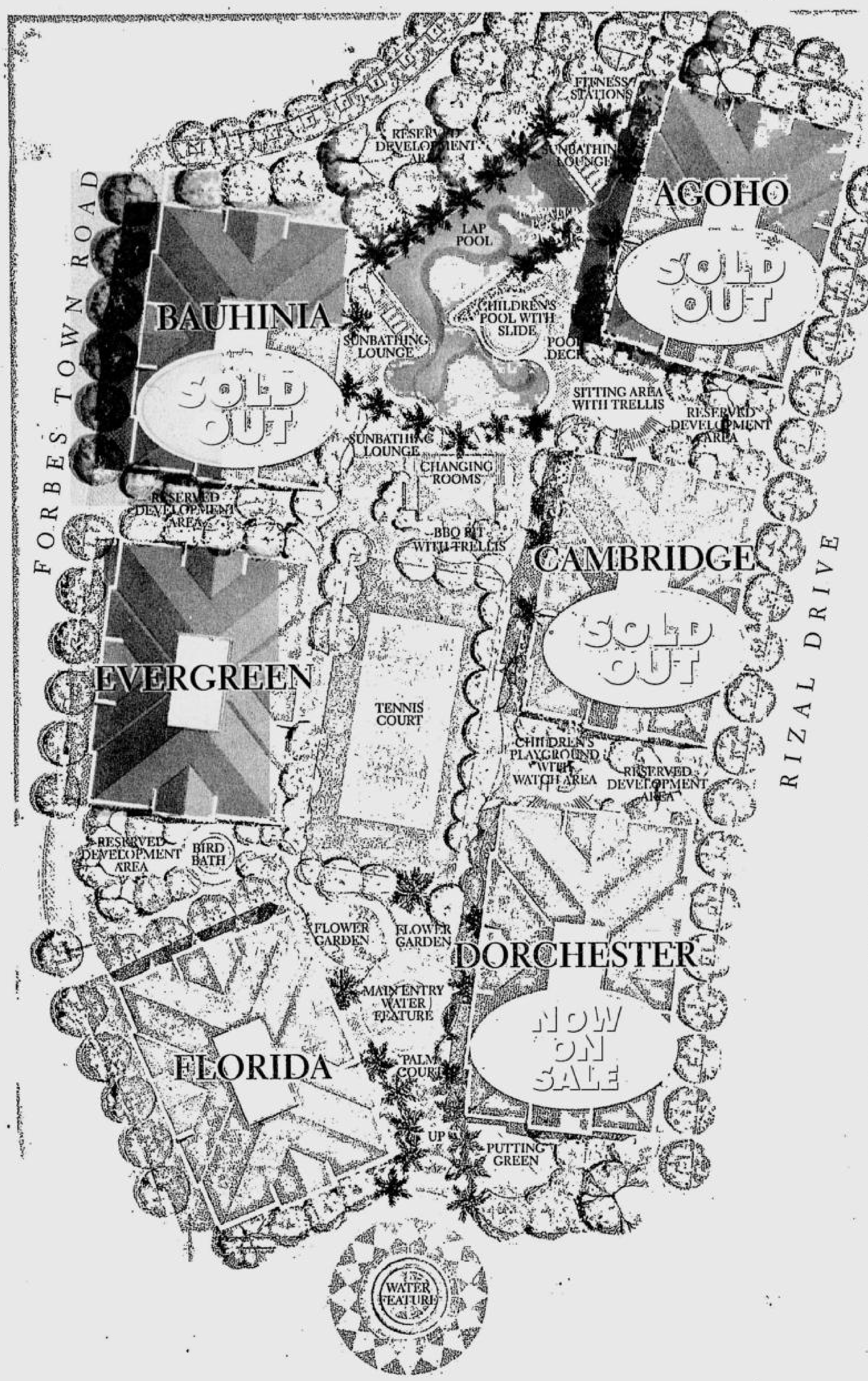
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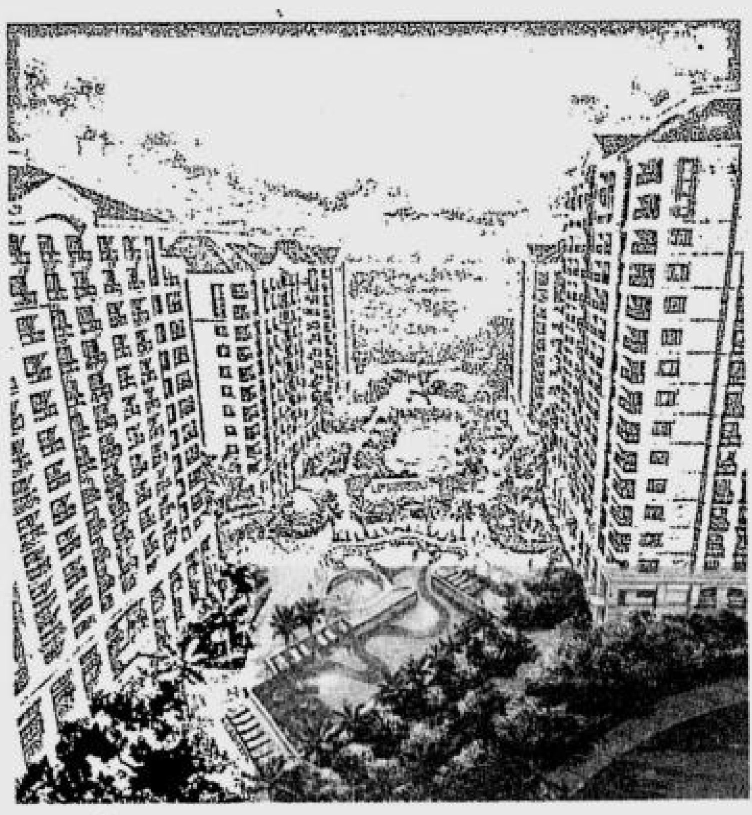

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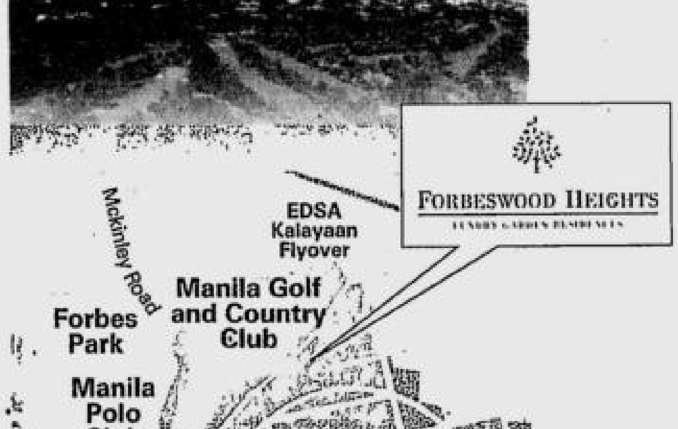
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Jolly as a bee creator exults, 'values is it'

THERE was no call to increase productivity nor tips on how to increase the company's efficiency or pointers on increasing profits.

Instead the founder of Jollibee Foods Corp., one of the most successful Filipino companies and brand today called for the promtion of "right values, love of country and self-sacrifice as essential in the development of our nation."

The very low-key Antonio Tan Caktiong or Tony Tan, was voted Management Man of the Year for 2002 by the Management Association of the Philippines.

The officials of the Philippine Daily Inquirer tendered a cocktail reception for Tony Tan, as it traditionally does to the Management Man for the Year, in the newspaper's main office in Makati City last Saturday.

"In today's world, both media and corporate citizens bear responsbility for the quality and impact of what they do and what they say." Tan Caktiong stated in his talk .

He added that "we at Jollibee try to keep these essentials in mind in the way we conduct our advertising, promotional and public information campaigns, with emphasis on family values, pride in being Filipino, as well as industriousness and perseverance in the face of great odds."

He called upon the INQUIRER and the business sector to "join us in making our country a better place to live in."

Jollibee started as an ice cream parlor set up by Tan Caktion and his brothers in 1975. "In 1978, we shifted from selling ice cream to hamburgers and spaghetti because our customers wanted something hot to eat before ordering ice cream ... The bee stands for hard work and produces golden honey, one of life's sweetest things. We described the bee as jolly because if you are not happy with what you are doing, it's not worth it," he stated.

For his part, MAP president Edward L. Ferreira explained that the Management Man of the Year award, recognizes "outstanding achievement of MAP members, and non-members alike who have exceptionally distinguished themselves in the practice of management and have contributed significantly to the development and progress of our country.

He said some of the reasons why Tan Caktiong was chosen include:

1. For steering Jollibee to phenomenal growth from two stores in 1978 to over 700 around the nation and about 30 overseas and over P5 billion in sales in 2002.

2. For turning Jollibee into a major international brand with its heart in the Philippines and strength born of Asian pride; and for proving to the world that Filipino companies can compete with foreign big-name firms successfully.

3. For leading Jollibee in making substantial contribution to the growth and development of the Philippine economy as direct employer of over 40,000 employees; by providing employment to thousands of workers in allied businesses; by providing income opportunities to hundreds of suppliers;

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INQUIRER officials present the MAP awardee with a framed collage of articles written about Tony Tan and his MAP column. (From left) Sandy Prieto, Tony Tan, INQUIRER publisher Gani Yambot, Marixi Prieto and Edward Ferreira.

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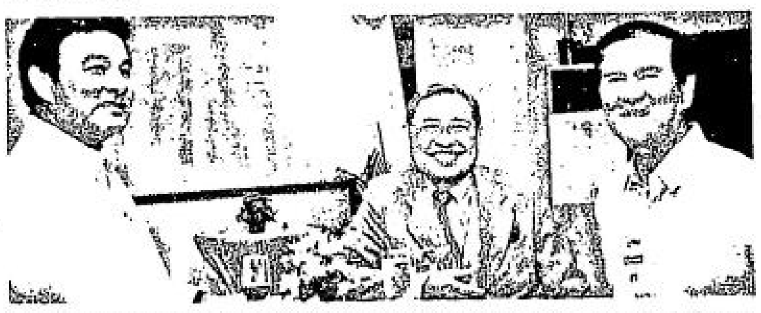
INQUIRER director Charlie Rufino (extreme left) looks on as PDI president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez and PDI chair Marixi R. Prieto welcome taipan Henry Sy.

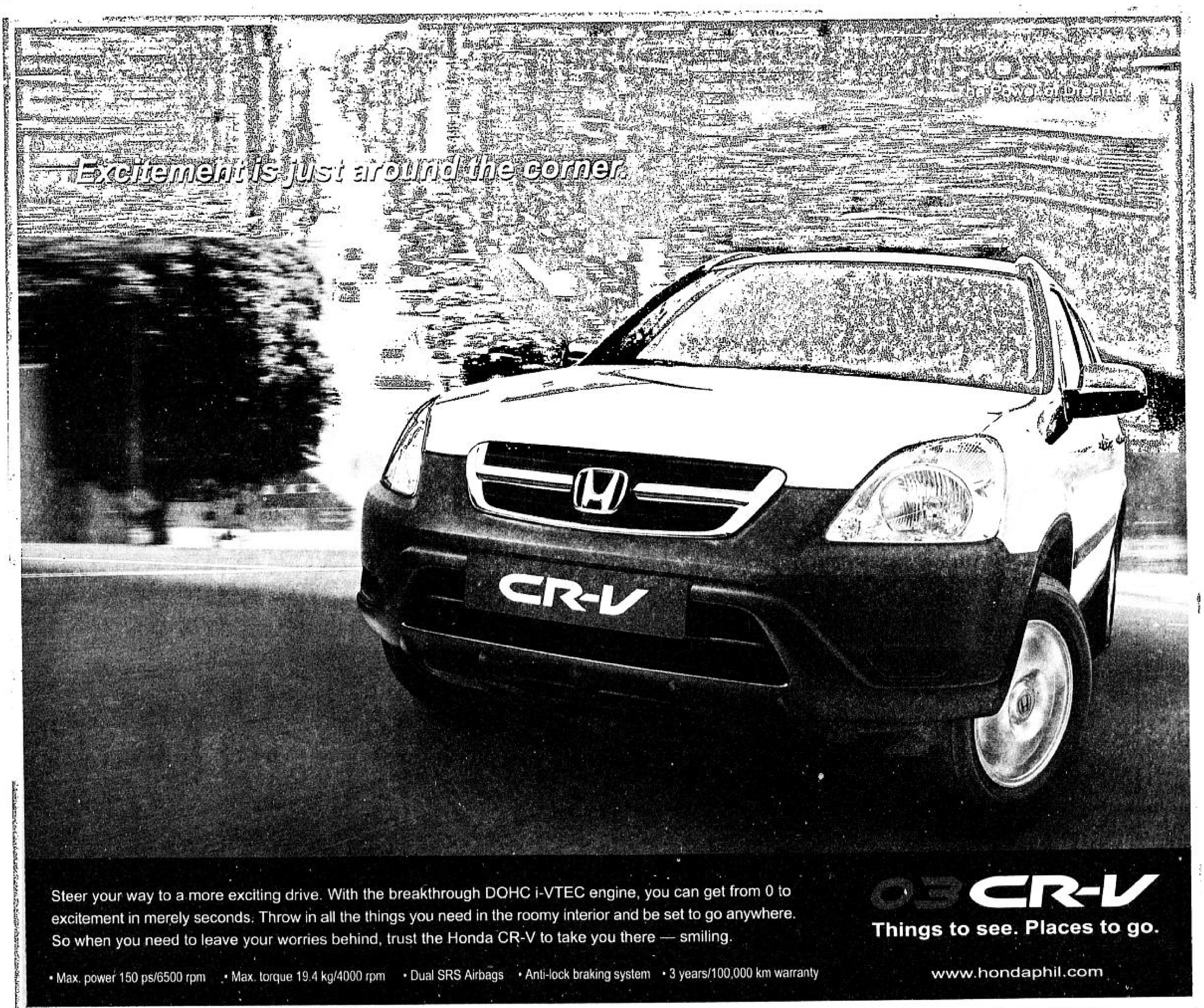
PDI chair Marixi Prieto gives a warm welcome to Ambassador Yuchengco.

SERIOUS talk between Myrna Yao of Richwell Trading and PDI president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez.

(FROM left) Santi Dumlao, Myrna Yao, Marixi Prieto and Jun Palafox.



(FROM left) former head of the defunct Urban Bank Arsenio Bartolome, former presidential contender Santi Dumlao and Alex Prieto.



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IBP holds 9th National Convention

THE INTEGRATED Bar of the Philippines (IBP) will hold its 9th National Convention at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), on May 21 to 24. The theme of the convention is "IBP: Raising the Bar of Competence and Integrity."

All lawyers are invited to attend the convention during which they will earn 18 MCLE units. The on-site registration has been scheduled on the first day. During the day, there will be a tournament among golf enthusiasts at the Manila Intramuros. In the evening, a fellowship night will be held at the Apec Garden of PICC. The guest of honor is Secretary of Justice Simeon A. Datumanong. And the highlight will be a competition on cultural presentations among the 9 regions of the IBP and major prizes will be awarded to the winners.

On May 22, the keynote speaker is Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines. In the afternoon, plenary MCLE sessions will be conducted during which the delegates will earn 6 MCLE units. The topics and speakers for the first day are: "Strengthening the Independence and Efficiency of the Judiciary" (Reforms in Specific Areas of Law), Supreme Court Associate Justice Adolfo S. Azcuna; "Caseflow Management" (Reforms in Specific Areas of Law) senior deputy court administrator Zenaida N. Elepaño; "The Lawyer and Good Moral Character", (Legal Ethics) by Court of Appeals Justice Hector L. Hofileña (Ret.); and "The Ethical Dimension in the Availment of Legal Remedies and Court Processes" (Legal Ethics) by Court of Appeals Justice Hilarion G. Aquino (Ret.). And in the evening, a Bench and Bar Dialogue will be conducted and the invited guest of honor is Court Administrator J. Presbitero J. Velasco Jr. Paper Presentations will be presented by lawyer Leonard S. de Vera for the Bar, Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito R. Zuño, for the prosecution, and Judge Mariano M. dela Cruz Jr., president of the Philippine Judges Association, for the Bench.

The remaining 12 units will be earned on the 3rd and 4th day of the convention. The delegates will be divided into 4 clusters depending upon their choice to be reflected in the registration form. However, inasmuch as the number in each cluster is limited, the assignment of clusters will be based on a "first come first serve" basis. Cluster A (Forum) can accommodate only 1100 delegates, Cluster B (Press Center) - 800 delegates, Cluster C (Meeting Rooms 2 and 3) - 600 delegates and Cluster D -500 delegates.

Lawyers are therefor requested to register now. Registration forms with attachments, containing the topics and speakers are available in the IBP National Office and in the various chapters nationwide. The registration fees are: April 16 to May 15 - P4,000 / May 16 to to on-site - P5,000 / Life Members - P2,500.

Payments can be made either at the IBP National Office or by depositing the amount for the account of the IBP National Convention 2003 in any of the following accounts: BPI savings account no. 2433-0231-64 / MBTC - 3-035-378937 / UOB - 003-061-00230-7

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MAXX-ENERGIE VENTURES INKS CONTRACT WITH PROTEC

Maxx-Energie Ventures recently signed an exclusive distributorship contract with ProTec International USA, the manufacturer of cost effective, environment-friendly specialty chemicals such as Long-A-Batt Battery Life Extender and ProTec Fuel Catalysts. Witnessing the contract signing at the Hyatt Regency Manila were (seated from left) Andres V. Sanchez Jr., president of Maxx-Energie Ventures; Robert Moncondult, president of ProTec International; Linda T. Sanchez, chief finance officer of Maxx-Energie Ventures; (startding from left) Peejay Jacinto, sales manager of Maxx-Energie; Glenn Delica, managing director of Technical Experts of Environment Management (Teem); Ma. Cristina Llamo, vice president of In-A-Jiffy Enterprises; Cristina Garcia of Blue Zone; Ms Zeny Maranan, president of Fejodap; Boy Vargas, chair of Fercoda; Dave Garcia of Blue Zone; Edwin Serrano, president of Blue Zone and Olivia Sanchez, general manager of In-A-Jiffy Enterprises.

Mom's big event at the Heritage

IT'S GOING to be an afternoon of fun and excitement at The Heritage Park as it celebrates Mother's Day with a series of activities on May 10, at the park's grounds starting at 1 p.m.

The affair will be highlighted by a competition among mothers dubbed, "Who's Your Hot Mama?". For the contest, the mother who dons the best summer attire will win prizes. The first 50 registrants will receive flowers and chocolates.

Children will have a blast with an art workshop where they can learn how to make greeting cards for their moms. Kite flying and face painting are also among the activities lined up for the afternoon. A magic show featuring professor Leodini promises to keep kids and adults alike spellbound.

Adding a dose of quality entertainment is the Mandaluyong Choir who will sing a repertoire of well-loved Disney tunes. Child star Maureen Guese and theater sensation Macy Cajucom will also do a rendition of popular songs for the guests.

The Heritage Park features first rate amenities spread out over 76 hectares of manicured greens and breathtaking sceneries. Located at the heart of Fort Bonifacio, the Heritage Park is very accessible from Quezon City, Makati and the South via C5 and Edsa. It is merely five minutes away from the Manila Polo Club, the Manila Golf Club and Forbes Park.

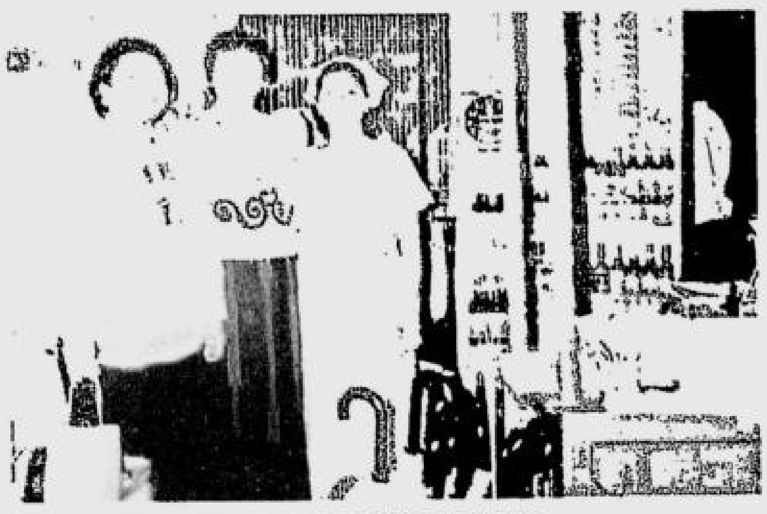
For more details, call 845-2340, 845-2371, 845-2334 to 38 locals 109 / 111 or email sales@heritagepark.com.ph.

GREPALIFE ACCLAIMS ITS ROSTER OF CHAMPIONS

Grepalife recently herded its latest batch of achievers at its 49th Anniversary Pacifican and National Awards Night last April at the Heritage Hotel Manila. This year's ceremony ushered in the addition of new sales performers and honored both veteran and rookie awardees. Key officers and guests paid tribute to the recipients of some 33 national awards that were given. Special guest and Grepalife board member Francisco Elzmendi Jr. (left) led the induction of the Pacifican Club board of director, namely: (from left) Susan de Guzman, club president; Lorna Tabor, Roseller Chiong (represented by Belinda Lee), Esperanza Buhain, Teresita Ipac, Shirley Fung, Sergio Te, Elizabeth Guiterrez and Reynaldo Aranda. The exclusive club also welcomed two new entrants, Lorna Tabor, New Life member; and Perla Sison, new member.

PESGUARD LAUNCHING MARKED

Pesguard, the newest insecticide that works for both water and oil dilution was lunched last March 20 at AIM Conference Center, made possible by Leads Agri. The event was graced by Ponds girl, Ms Trina Garcia who serenaded the guests. Photo shows from left: Mr Ferdie De Gala, division manager - environmental science, Leads Agri Products Corp.; Mr Joe Guevarra, general manager, JB Guevarra & Sons; Ms Trina Garcia, singer and commercial model; Mr Danny Enriquez, VP-logistics, Leads Agri Products Corp.; Mr Yoichi Takahashi, department manager - chemicals, plastics and fuel, Sumitomo Corp.; Mr Bailey Yu, marketing manager, Diversified Agro Chemicals; Mr Didi Gonzales, president, Franza Marketing; Ms. Yna Camins, account supervisor, Ad Options Unlimited Inc.; Ms Annie Aquino, account executive, Ad Options Unlimited Inc.; Ms Rachelle Salgado, sales executive - environmental science, Leads Agri Products Corp.

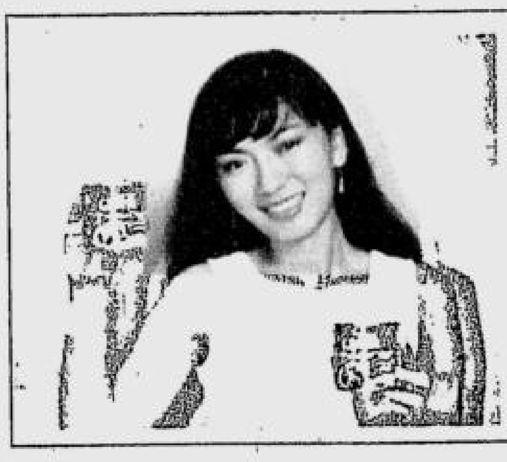


MAMA SITA'S AT INTRAMUROS FAIR

Mama Sita's Mixes and Sauces takes part in the year-long celebration of the Department of Tourism's 'Intramuros: History Town Philippines' in line with its corporate mission to develop and promote Philippine culinary traditions here and abroad. An array of all-natural, preservative-free Mama Sita's products are on display at the Mama Sita's booth located at the Clamshell Tent, the main activity area. Cooking demonstrations conducted by guest chefs featuring Filipino dishes using Mama Sita's products are also on tap regularly. For more information of Mama Sita's product line, visit its website at www.msita.com. Photo shows Clarita Reyes Lapus (center), president of Mama Sita Foundation, at the Mama Sita's booth in the Intramuros exhibit with an event organizer and a Mama Sita's staffer.

Letran offers new course: BSIT

STARTING next schoolyear, Colegio San Juan de Letran (CSJL) will offer its newest course, BS Information Technology (B.S. I.T.) in partnership with Microsoft IT Academy Program and MISNeT Inc. The BSIT program gives students cutting-edge technologies and career opportunities to choose from four tracks integrated in its curriculum. These tracks are Network Engineering (MCSF), Database Administration (MCDBA) Systems Administration (MCSA), and Software Development (MCSD). The students will have the privilege of becoming a Microsoft Certified Professional or will have premier certifications from the four tracks. Letran, also through MISNeT Inc., the first and leading Microsoft Certified Technical Center will provide the most comprehensive training using the Microsoft Official Curriculum (MOC). This will help Letran students learn, demonstrate and prove competence on web related technologies. The Itprogram is on its initial year and Letran is the pioneer school in the country to partner with Microsoft IT Academy. It is only Letran which has fully integrated the Microsoft Certified Professional Certifications in its curriculum - a credential and a benchmark in the IT industry and standard to prove Letran's graduates having the required knowledge, skills, expertise and competitive, global advantage in today's business world



Bangus for any occasion

IT CAN be said that the bangus is one of the healthiest fish in the country. Bangus is always available in the market and considered as a usual dish in families' meal and in special occasions.

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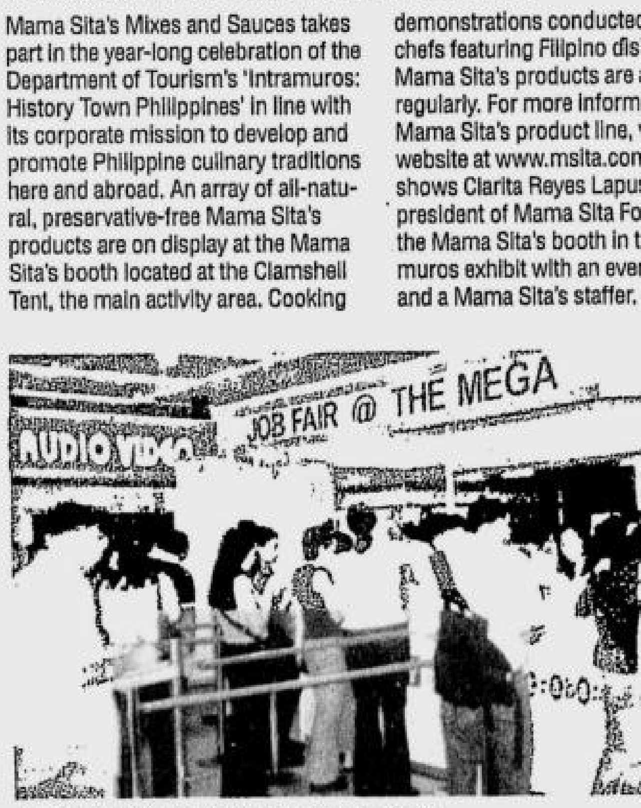

BUILDING SUCCESSFUL LINKS

'Job Fair @ the Mega' organized by Island Exhibit Organizer Link in cooperation with Trabaho.com, managed to attract some 18,000 job seekers during its successful three day run from March 21 to 23 at the SM Megamall Megatrade Hall 3 in Mandaluyong City. Participating companies include some of the top corporation in the country in different fields such as banking, transportation, information technology, and telecommunications. Some of the companies who participated were: Aboitiz, Citibank, SM Supermalls, Unilever, Web Philippines, E-telecare, New York Life, SPI Technologies, Sage Corp., Prudentialife, MSI Digiland, Figaro, Sykes Asia, Jobsdb.com, Ubix Corp., All Asia Customer, Astro Prom, SL Temps, High Rise Publications, SCMC, Nextel, Link2Support, Sara Lee, Honda Cars, Isuzu Cars, and Family First. Job seekers were also treated to free seminars. Island Exhibit is slated to hold the '2nd Job Fair @ the Mega' on May 30 to 31. For further details, contact Island Exhibit at 404-0474, 303-0906 and 0918-9196239. Photo shows the long lines formed in front of the registration booth of the job fair.

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FOREST HILLS LADIES CIRCLE TOURNEY A SUCCESS

The recently concluded Forest Hills Ladies Circle 2nd Annual Open Invitational Valentine Golf Tournament was capped by overall champion, Erwin Viniuan. Peter Young, Aris Sunio, Nelson Ang and Arne Gulbrandsen, respectively won the championship trophies for class A, B, C, and D for men's division, while Bing Liboro and Elo Poblador bagged the championship trophies for class A and B of the ladies division. In the senior division, Mel Acuna and Victor Co shot their best, champions of class A and B.

Airport-driven urban development

(Second of Two Parts)

MAPPING THE FUTURE

Felino A. Palafox Jr.

STUDIES around the world document the remarkable impact of airports on urban economies and land use.

In 1999, Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) was responsible for over 400,000 jobs in the five-county Los Angeles region. In L.A. County, one in 20 jobs was found to be tied to LAX.

The airport generates $61 billion in regional economic activity, which translates to $7 million per hour.

- In the 26-mile commercial corridor linking Washington, D.C.'s two major airports—Reagan National and Dulles International—employment grew from 50,000 in 1970 to over 600,000 by 1996.

Among the companies located along the airport corridor are America Online, Computer Associates, Nextel Communications, Cisco Systems and EDS.

- During the 10 years following the introduction of international air service to Atlanta in 1975, 813 foreign firms located there, generating $33 billion in investment and 54,000 jobs.
- In the Philippines, Subic Bay Freeport is rapidly expanding around a former US naval air base that was converted to commercial use in 1993. since FedEx located its Asia/Pacific hub at Subic Bay in 1994, over 150 firms—employing 40,000 workers—have located there, generating almost $2.5 billion in investment. Between 1994 and 1999, the annual value of exports from Subic Bay jumped from $24 million. In late 1998, Acer opened its largest personal computer assembly facility in the world at Subic Bay; the facility relies heavily on air freight for its supply-chain management.
- By late 1997, nearly 50,000 people were employed on the airport grounds at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, a 7.2-percent increase over the previous year. In 1998, nearly half of the 547 companies linked to Schiphol grew—compared with 31 percent in 1995. Schiphol alone accounts for 10 percent of the European air cargo market and 1.9 percent of Netherlands' GNP.

The impact of airport-induced job growth on land use in the vicinity of airports is substantial. An analysis of employment growth in the suburban rings of US metropolitan areas showed that the job growth rate for areas within four miles of airports was two to five times faster than the overall job-growth rate for the suburban ring within which the airport was located.

Rise of the Aerotropolis

Emerging corridors, clusters, and spines of airport-induced businesses are giving rise to new urban forms as much as 15 miles from major airports. These represent the beginnings of the aerotropolis. In response to the new economy's demands for speed and reliability, the aerotropolis is based on low density, wide lanes, and fast movements. In other words, form is following function.

Although aerotropoli have so far evolved largely spontaneously, with previous development creating arterial bottlenecks, in the future they will be improved through strategic planning. For example, dedicated expressway links (aerolanes) and high-speed rail (aerotrains) will efficiently connect airports to nearby and more distant business and residential centers. Special, truck-only lanes will be added to airport expressways as well.

The new measurement for determining land value (and corresponding urban structure) will be time-cost access to the airport. Firms of various types will bid against each other for accessibility predicated on the utility each gives to reducing the time and cost of moving people and goods to and from the airport.

To many, this new structure will appear simply as additional sprawl along main airport corridors. Yet the aerotropolis will actually be a highly reticulated system based on time-cost access gradient radiating outward from the airport.

In short, the three "A's" (accessibility, accessibility, accessibility) will replace the three "L's" (location, location, location) as the most important commercial real estate organizing principle.

Air-commerce clusters and spines are already taking on distinct spatial form around international gateway airports such as New York's Kennedy, LAX, London's Heathrow, Paris' Charles de Gaulle, and Amsterdam's Schiphol.

In the US, even smaller, specialized air-cargo airoports—such as Alliance Airport, near Ft. Worth, Texas, and Rickenbacker Airport, in Columbus, Ohio—are generating mini-aerotropoli in the form of low-density cluster and spine development.

Aerotropoli are also emerging in distinct patterns around new international airports in Asia. One example is Lantau Island, where the newly opened Hong Kong International Airport is spawning highly visible business and residential clusters directly linked to the airport.

A major planned aerotropolis is under development at Inchon, Korea, where the government is creating a 24-hour aviation city on Yongjong Island, about 40 miles west of downtown Seoul. The new international airport will anchor an expansive urban agglomeration composed of commercial, industrial, residential, and tourism sectors. Its centerpiece will be Media Valley, Korea's version of Silicon Valley. Designed as a center for global high-tech industries, Media Valley is being constructed adjacent to the airport on a 3.6-million-square-meter site that will include a large technopark and a university research center.

Arthur D. Little predicts that by 2003, a total of 1,300 companies will be located in Media Valley's campus-like setting, and by 2005 slightly over 2,000.

A new town is being developed to serve as a residential base for those employed at Media Valley and in other sectors of this emerging aerotropolis. Dedicated expressways will give both Media Valley employees and the new town residents high-speed access to Inchon Airport. By 2004, the airport, currently nearly 90 percent complete, will be complemented by a seaport and a teleport now under construction. The plan is to form a consolidated "tri-port" for 21st-century transportation, distribution, and information processing .

An even more ambitiously planned aerotropolis radiates northward from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia. This massive new airport will provide the aviation foundation for Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), a high-tech government, commercial, education, and residential zone about the size of the city of Chicago.

MSC will contain two new cities along with a multimedia university to train IT workers. MSC's advanced infrastructure will be complemented by laws and policies designed to create the ideal commercial environment for developing and merging 21st-century audio, video, and data-transmission technologies.

Also on the drawing board is the Cavite Multi-Function Complex, which has been proposed for a substantial reclamation of Manila Bay in the Philippines. When fully developed, Cavite will combine a new airport and deep-water seaport with commercial and residential areas, creating a transportation complex and planned development of over 4,500 acres.

Cavite, if and when it ever gets built, along with Hong Kong's Lantau Island, Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor, and Korea's Inchon-Aviation City project demonstrate that airports will be the cornerstones of dynamic new forms of 21st century urban development. The commercial real estate community has already begun to take serious notice.

It is clear that as the fast century begins, a fifth wave of airport-induced urban development is becoming firmly established. Real estate professionals who recognize this megatrend can select strategic sites near major gateway airports and position investment to be leveraged by air commerce. Planners and developers who design and build infrastructure and facilities that are consistent with the new form and function of the aerotropolis can contribute substantially to the economic competitiveness of urban areas and to the emerging needs of business.

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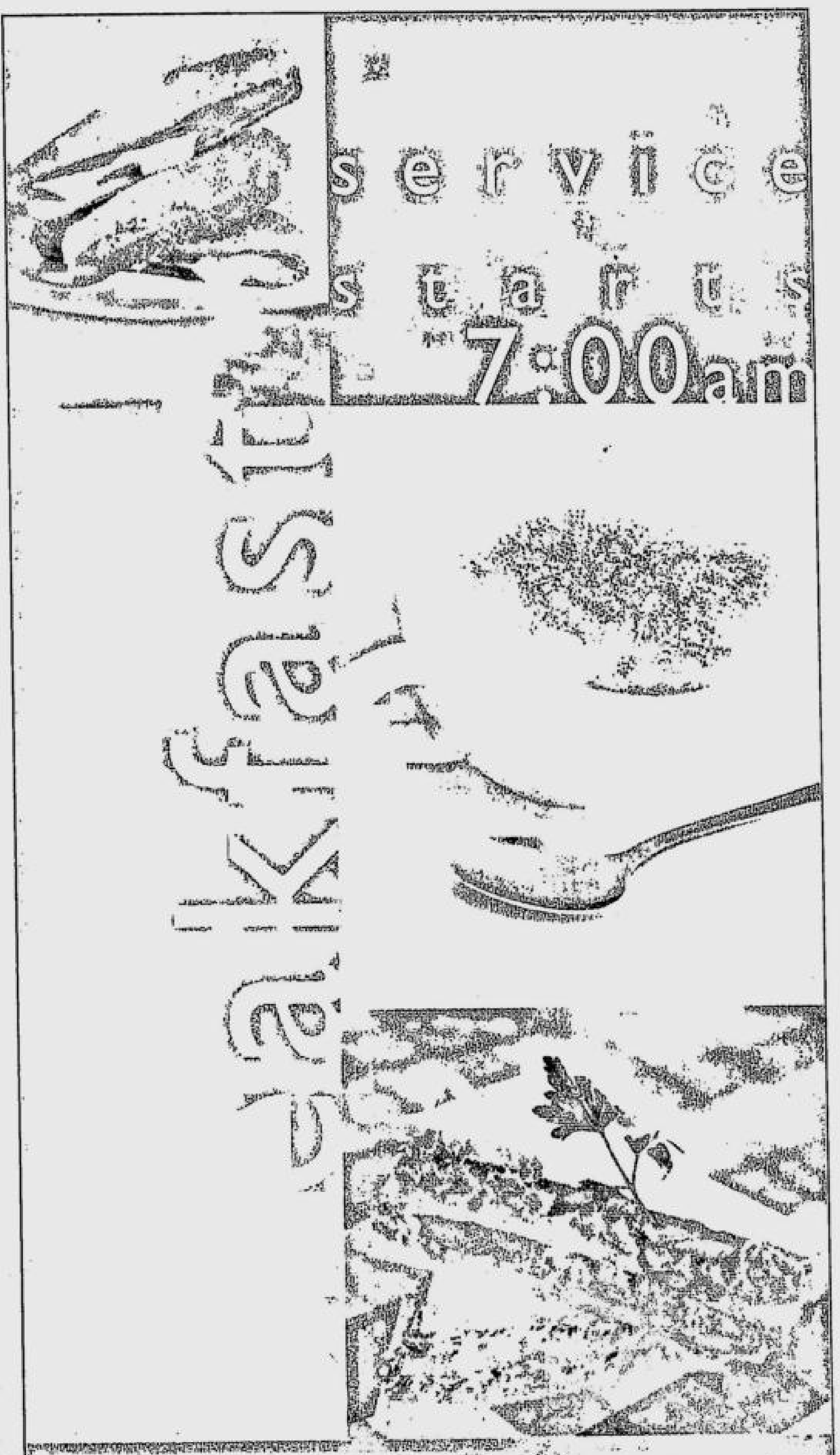

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by plowing back stubstantial amount of dollars to the Philippines through its stores abroad; and by providing business opportunites to SME entrepreneurs through its franchises.

4. For sincerity in approach and fairness in dealings and relationships that extend to the way Jollibee treats its employees and does business with its partners, relates with the communities it operates, and cares for the environment. For notable contributions to reshaping national values and orientation through Jollibee's "Kaya Mo, Kid" social development project which fosters positive values for children; and through Jollibee's advertising campaigns that highlight strong national pride and faith in the Filipino. *Margie Quimpo-Espino*

NEWLY retired Nestlé Phils. Inc. president Juan B. Santos with **INQUIRER**'s chair, Marixi Prieto.

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ALEX Prieto with Franco del Rosario.

Working in a place ...

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"Crisis points are many, and given the pace of the work, it just ups the ante ... You tend to compete with yourself, to outperform," according to Lizardo.

According to HR head Santiago, 40 percent of senior management officials, 53 percent of managers, and 60 percent of supervisors are employees who rose from the ranks. "Our attrition rate is also markedly lower than the industry average," she says.

Tradeoffs

Tradeoffs? Depends on how one looks at things. Single employees concede the long hours tend to deprive them of socializing time. But then, as Lizardo reasons, having extra time "is no guarantee you'll find what's best for you ... I'd rather sleep."

Tecson agrees. Time management may do the trick, but the rest of the time you just want to recharge.

Her health is what Serrano is more concerned about. Customer care, being the meeting point of all functions can be physically demanding. "We cater to subscribers, and as front-liners, we support launches, events."

For Ramos, while her marriage is a priority, her work has enriched her as a person and as a life partner.

Yes, they've all been taunted by thoughts of quitting at one time or another, usually when they feel tired. But if it's Smart versus another company, no way, Lizardo replies.

"What keeps me here," Ramos says, "is that I see there's a market out there, and I know that my skills are valued. Between being always on call and settling for a slower-paced job, it's the latter that drove her nuts!

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Ailene Litonjua

For close to 20 years now, Ailene has been helping Citibank clients map out their financial futures. Key to her success is her ability to establish an easy rapport with customers.

An avid golfer, Ailene has met many of her clients out in the greens where the relaxed atmosphere has made it easier for them to approach her with their concerns. She finds it a great accomplishment when she earns a client's trust.

"I think opportunities and successes in client relationships should be viewed not only with respect to the increased wealth that they have entrusted to you, but also in the increased confidence they have given you," she explained.

"You'll know you've already touched base with your customer when you are able to relate well with them. Once you've reached this point, then you could say you have successfully become a relationship manager."

For Ailene, investors must have three pots of money: first is the short term pot, second is the long-term pot and third is the trading pot, which is the one that can be dispensed with. "The allocation depends on what age range you are in, and your objectives."

Ailene is currently the head of CitiGold Wealth Management Banking in Citibank Makati. When asked how she analyzes the market situation nowadays, she admitted that "investors are more wary towards going longer term or for more volatile investments. But there is still a segment out there that wants to reap opportunities, with strong appetite for high risks. That's why I always make each session with customers very consultative. I start with the baseline: what are their needs, the time horizon, the so-called intestinal fortitude or *'lakas ng loob'* for risks. That's very important. Where do we come in? We're here to help them make enlightened decisions by making available relevant market information."

Judith Uy-Go

Clients from Cebu City as well as from the neighboring cities down south can look forward to a financial check-up appointment with Judith, branch manager for Citibank Cebu, or any member of her highly experienced team of investment consultants.

Born and raised in Cebu, Judith is fiercely loyal to her hometown and has refused career offers that will take her out of the province.

Heading the only Citibank branch outside Metro Manila means that she services the widest area in the country, including parts of Mindanao. This fact only reinforces Judith's sense of responsibility as an Investment Consultant.

"You have to be a local to understand the needs of the trade area you are in. People in the south may not be as aware of investment opportunities compared to clients from Manila. And this is where we at Citibank come in," she said. "We educate them on investment options, make them realize that with our wealth management expertise and experience, they can do a lot more with their money than just leaving it in time deposits or other usual banking products. We're not just bankers, we're educators as well."

After almost two decades of working for Citibank, Judith continues to find great satisfaction in customer relations. "I feel I'm just cut out to talking to people," she continued, "I really enjoy being of help to them, and passing on information to them. The beauty of our service is that it's a very private affair, it's a one-on-one profiling. I have to spend time with that person, try to know his needs, his risk appetite, and make him see what he hasn't seen before."

Judith points out that Citibank's global network and extensive research capabilities are its significant edge in the investment services industry. "Providing information on any type of market is one of our strengths, and it's important especially in these times when customers on their own can't really interpret how the market is doing."

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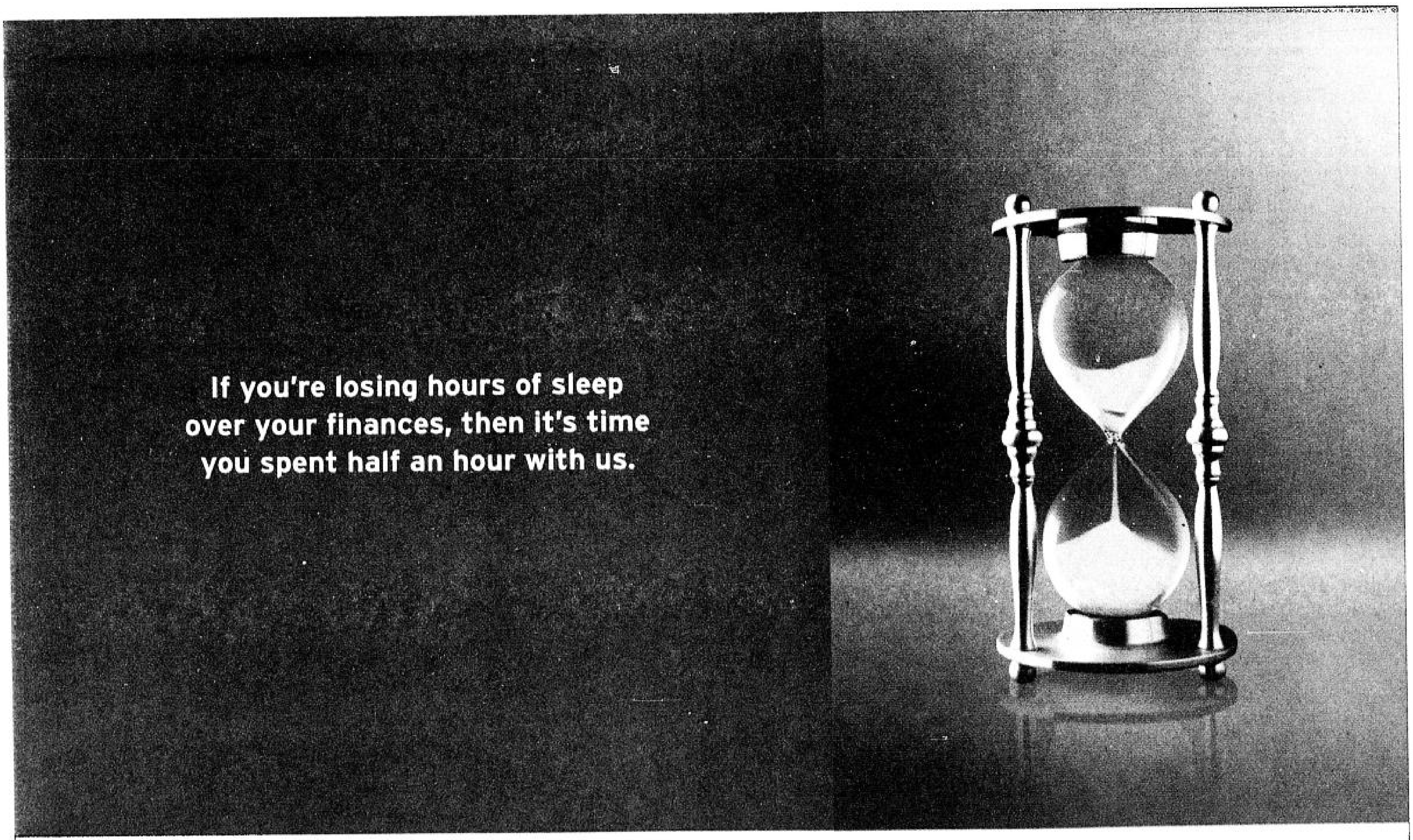
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otherwise not accessible in limited markets like the Philippines. We provide an infrastructure that is in the same standards as that of more advanced countries like Singapore or Hong Kong. We let our customers go beyond boundaries, beyond the limitations of their situations through market research."

With such a demanding task cut out for her, Judith admits that her passion keeps everything in the balance. "My stability and success in the business have been achieved out of a passion to do things, and do them properly, both for my career and for my family.

She's fortunate to have a spouse who understands her high level of pressure and professionalism. "I draw the line between my weekdays and weekends. I work long hours, even up to midnight if need be. But on Saturdays and Sundays, I'm a wife to my husband and mother to my two children."

Christopher Ting

Chris joined Citibank in 1994 and quickly rose from the ranks to take over the helm of the Citibank branch in Binondo, Manila last November 2002.

Fluent in Fookien, Chris is able to talk to his Chinese clients in their native tongue, and uses the opportunity to educate them on investment opportunities.

"Prior to the actual investment, we try to explain the nature of investing and how it works," he said. "For one, we explain the role of the borrower, who he is, how long is the maturity date, and when they can expect receiving the interest."

"It is also important we make them realize the difference between a savings account and an investment. Usually customers are accustomed to the traditional banking products, in which the money being deposited becomes the responsibility and obligation of the bank. Investments, however, entail risks."

"It's a concept that's still new to some people. We also educate them on the different alternatives available to them, if ever they do encounter problems along the way."

As an investor, Chris is cautious and tries to minimize the risks by putting his money in different investment pots. "For example, if I had a million pesos, I'd put P500,000 in a long-term investment, say a 5-year or 10-year paper, keep maybe P100,000 for short term, then the P400,000 on a medium term, say 3 years. Never put everything in a single pot."

Despite the demands of his profession, he still finds time to attend to his other needs, particularly on the spiritual side as a member of the religious community Couples for Christ. "While difficult, I also try not to compromise family time during week nights. Weekends are, of course, wholly devoted to my family."

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Energetic, intense, dedicated, and financially savvy, these Citibank Branch Heads and Investment Consultants, together with their counterparts in the other Citibank branches, have everything it takes to build the kind of relationship that is truly a wealth in itself.

Citibank passes on good advice to customers: "Invest in yourself"

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Money hard earned should be money well spent: this is the mantra for people who believe in enjoying the fruits of their labor. Whether it's spent on that dream house or car, or earning interest in time deposits or fund investments, one's money should be used or invested wisely to secure his future.

At Citibank, they call this "investing in yourself". According to Patrick Cheng, Director for Retail Branch Banking, the phrase simply means taking stock of your needs or goals now, making plans to meet or achieve these, and then putting your plans into action.

The country's largest foreign bank and the world's leading financial services organization recently launched a customer campaign inviting clients to get a financial check-up – for FREE. For at least half an hour, Citibank clients who take advantage of this offer will be treated to valuable information on financial markets and situations, locally and overseas.

"Essentially, the financial check-up is an exercise that will teach customers the value of taking stock of his finances today for a brighter financial future," related Patrick. "We're extending this service for free because at Citibank, we don't believe that customers should have to pay for discussions on how to save their money."

With the complimentary financial check-up, a Citibank client can look forward to walking away with a personalized financial plan developed based on his financial status, needs and long-term investment targets.

"We begin with an assessment of one's financial situation. Customers need to provide information such as how much of their earnings go to income taxes, their insurance policies, loans, investments, daily expenses, and savings. This way, we can create a financial profile of the client by looking at how he manages his finances," Patrick explained.

"We at Citibank recognize that we all have different goals and so our analysis is personalized. To a working mother, her goal may be sending her kids to school while the father will be looking at buying a home or growing a business," he added.

The financial check-up also gives customers the opportunity to meet Citibank's Investment Consultants who are highly qualified to assist them in reviewing and adjusting financial plans. "Your financial needs today may change a year later when you get married or have children or retire from work. We can offer ongoing suggestions to help you get the most from your money," said Patrick.

With years of expertise culled from Citibank's extensive research on financial and economic matters, the investment consultants can discuss available opportunities and help one gain an edge in any market situation.

Investment consultants work with clients to answer questions like how much do I have now and how can I make my money grow? They also inquire on clients' financial goals - whether these are short-term focused on making his money grow, or long-term, with the idea of making one set for life.

With the financial profile and assessment at hand, the investment consultants then proceed to helping clients design their investment plans and discussing relevant investment strategies available through Citibank's global network to help meet clients' financial goals.

Patrick concludes by making an analogy between Citibank's financial check-up and a medical one. "We go to doctors even when we're not sick because we like to know if we're in good shape. The same thing holds true for our finances. We all need help in mapping out our financial future, so why not get it from the experts?"

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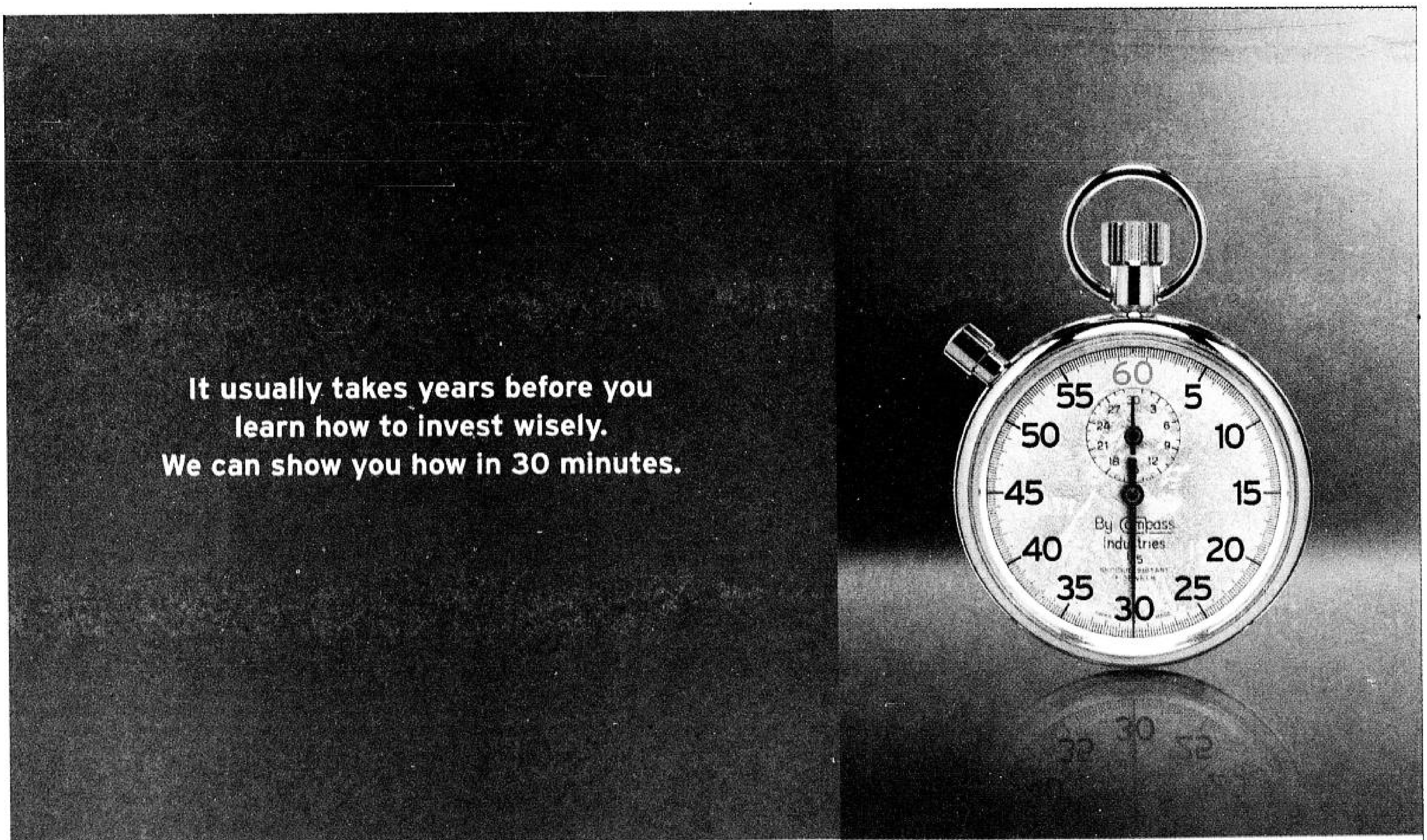
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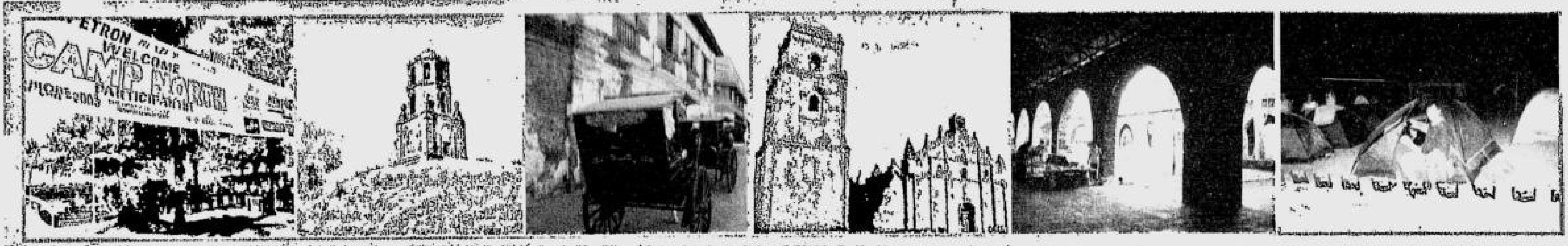

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Northern exposure

IT is one way to delight in to the sights of your favorite destinations one at a time but to truly enjoy them is to visit all of them in one journey.

In Camp North 1: The North Philippines Frontier Summer Quest, I had my way traveling up the North exploring that side of town's wealth of wonderful places.

In a convoy of more than a hundred vehicles and with an average speed of 80 kph, the caravan tour is a welcome change for travelers. Here, the idea is to go places, see the sights, and commune as closely as possible with nature. Understanding a place's history and culture, knowing its people, and having a sampling of its distinctive cuisine are an added bonus.

Early morning of day one, all caravan participants converged at Clark's football field. After a short briefing, the convoy moved on to Luisita Center in Tarlac where we visited the Aquino Museum.

In Dagupan City, we feasted the province's famous *inihaw na bangus* as we were treated to a scaled-down version of the "Bangus Festival." A park near the beach, there I also got a sampling of the province's proud beaches.

Next stop was Manaoag where we asked for blessings for the tour ahead from the Our Lady of Manaoag Church, the patron saint of travelers.

At Puerto de San Juan Resort in San Juan, La Union, campers pitched their tents at the beach while we checked in the resort's hotel rooms. After the night's festivities capped by the province and the municipality officials' warm welcome, I call it a night as I prepared myself for that long drive to Bangued, Abra, the next day.

In Abra, we toured its famous Calaba River and Victoria Park at Casamata Hill. From here, the convoy made its way to Ilocos Sur. Powered by Petron Blaze, the caravan moved smoothly via the rough road detour in Ilocos Sur.

In Vigan, where we got the chance to tour the Unesco World Heritage Site via the horse-drawn calesa. I also had a chance to see how *burnay* is molded at RG Jar Factory, a date with history at the Burgos and Crisoloso museums and the nearby Bantay Church and Bell Tower. I also got a sampling of tinubong, a delicacy in bamboo tubes, *basi, longganisa* and *bagnet*.

From Vigan, the caravan goes farther up north to Fort Ilocandia in Ilocos Norte.

Ilocos Norte is one of the North's major tourist destinations with its age-old churches, historical and cultural sites, and world-class beaches. It is where you'll find the perfect blend of nature, history and culture.

From Laoag, it was another long drive to Pagudpud. Pagudpud offers breathtaking views of its broad, blude-bay waters and powder-fine white sand beaches. We also passed by the Patapat Viaduct for photo-op.

After lunch, we got to see more of Ilocos Norte, with tours in Sarrat, Paoay, with its famous St. Augustine Church, a Unesco World Heritage Site, and Batac.

That evening, we went back to Fort Ilocandia where the caravan ended with a colorful celebration and participants were given "Certificates of Conquest."

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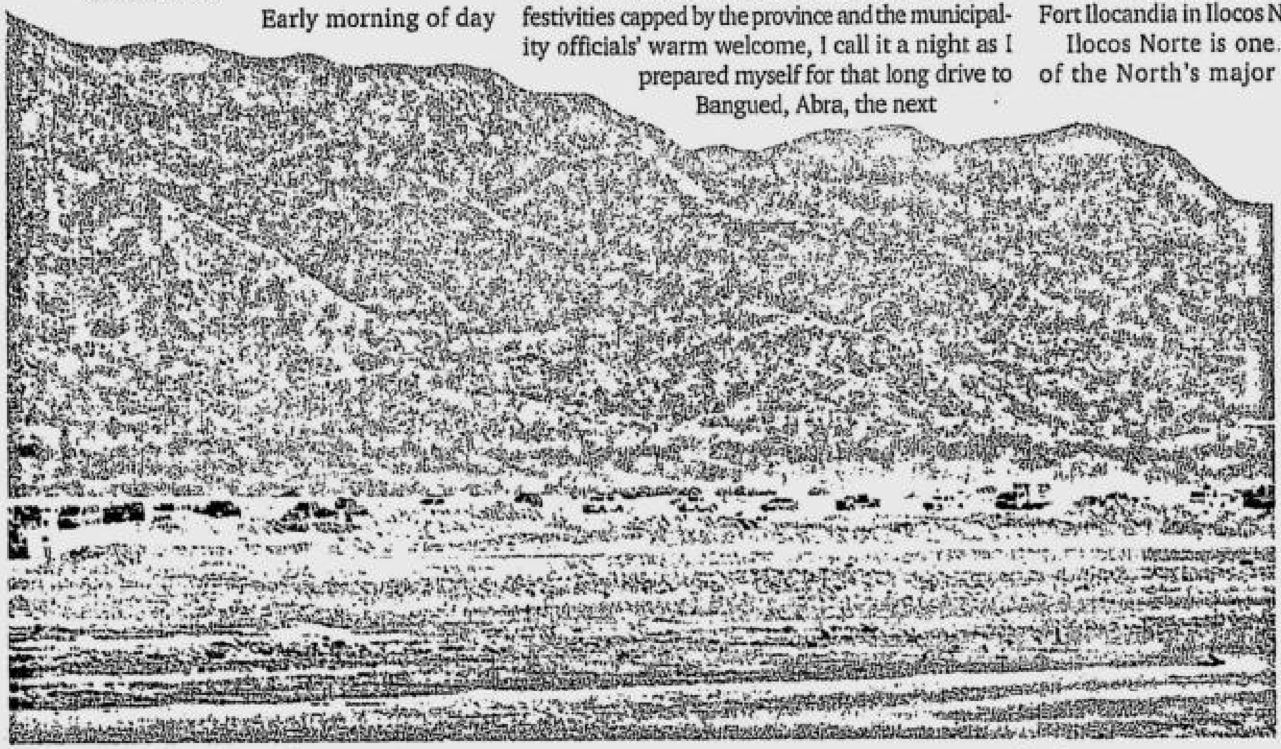

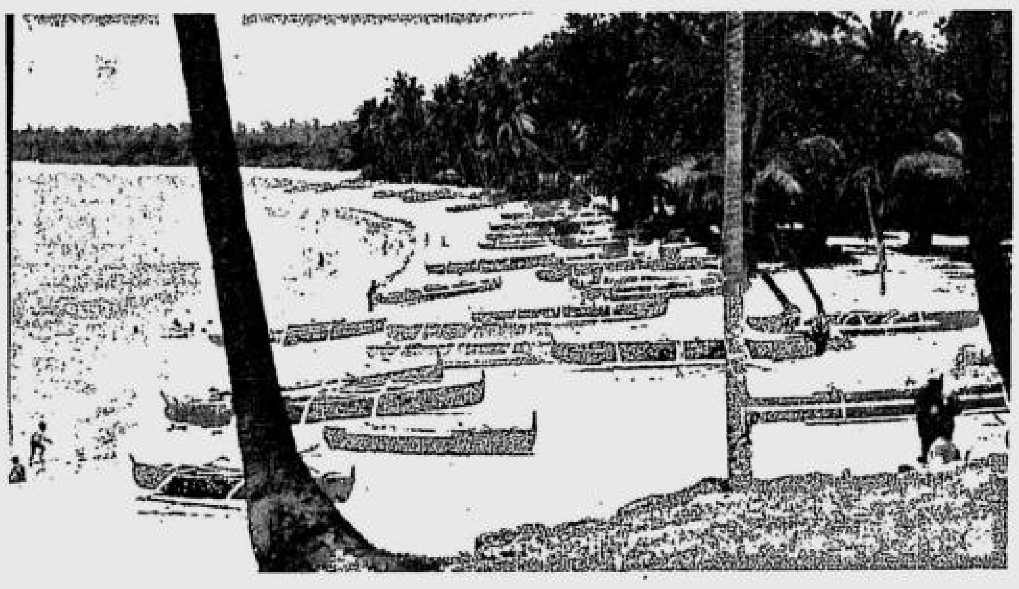

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The second installment of fun this summer

IT'S twice the fun this summer and this coming May 8-11, 2003, organizers of Camp North is offering the second installment of its Explore 2003: The North Philippines Frontier Summer Quest!

After exploring the historical sites, the natural wonders and the pristine beaches in North Philippines in Camp North 1, explorers this time would be able to discover some of the country's wonderful sites and sights, man-made or natural, in the provinces of Pangasinan, Zambales and Bataan, and the special economic zone in Subic Bay.

Camp North 2 is again expected to draw participants from all walks of life—students, professionals, families and members of the media—who are out to experience a summer expedition to the extreme.

In Day One, participants are in for a rolling tour of the San Roque Multi-Purpose Dam in San Roque, Pangasinan. At the San Fabian PTA Resort, they can take a dip in the waters of its beaches or play beach volleyball.

In Day Two, explorers can go island hopping at the Hundred Islands in Alaminos, Pangasinan. Then the caravan will motor its way to Iba, Zambales, where they will be treated to its "Mango Festival." After a short stop at the Sand Valley where explorers will also have a feast for lunch, the caravan will move to Botolan for an encounter with our dear Aeta brothers. They can also do mango picking, a lahar tour or pay a visit to the Ina Poon Bato.

It would be a "Funtastic" Subic day on Day Three with all events to be held at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone. An Eco or a Jungle Survival tour with Aeta rangers, a leisure tour at the mini-zoo, insectarium or butterfly garden, boating, fruit bat watching, swimming, fishing, jet skiing, at Ocean Adventure, golfing or air-soft shooting games are just some of the prepared activities.

Camp North is spearheaded by the Office of The President-North Luzon led by Presidential Assistant Rene Diaz. Its ultimate goal is to promote the tourism, trade and investment potential of North Philippines.

Tour operators namely ANNSET Holidays, Baron Travel, Marsman Tours and Travel, Rajah Tours Philippines, Sampaguita Travel and T.R.I.P.S. Travel will again team up with the OPNL. These operators will be providing special packages for participants of the Camp North who want to check-in at hotels during the caravan.

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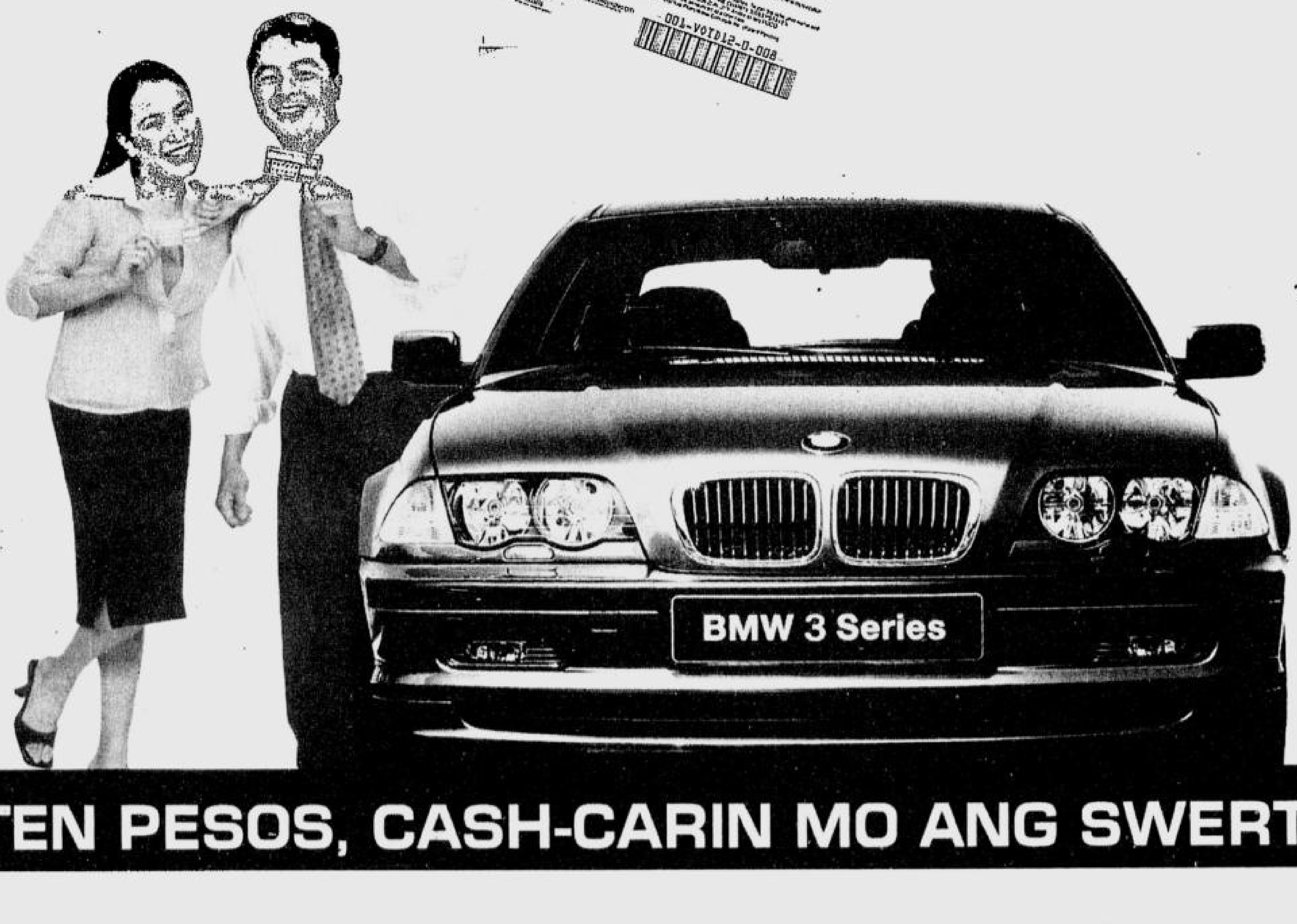

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IT school offers 'ladderized' scheme

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NOTHING excites Leo Riingen more than computer education and education via computers. At 39, and with a myriad of experiences behind him, he is currently studying for a master's degree in business administration online from the University of Wales.

Ten years ago, affirming his conviction of the growing importance of IT education, Riingen put up Informatics, which has so far trained some 200,000 people in computer courses, giving their careers that extra boost and helping to shape their future.

The Informatics Computer Institute in the Philippines belongs to the global Informatics Group established in Singapore in 1983, a network of training and education companies which operates almost 600 centers in 47 countries.

When Informatics opened in 1994 at the SM Megamall, it pioneered some changes to learning all about computers—its four classrooms were carpeted and air-conditioned and there was one computer for every student.

"We raised the bar somehow," says Riingen.

And so with the fees. "We were charging more than the others. But you get what you pay for. We provide quality education, so you get your money's worth."

Informatics began as a Tesda-accredited institution offering two-year diploma courses, known to many as vocational courses. "But we follow the British educational system that goes for depth rather than breadth," says Riingen.

"In the British system, if you want to train in IT, you go straight to IT. Our school gives students the major courses right away, along with related courses in math and statistics, business organization, communications, and so forth."

The two-year course is a fast track for a high school grad who wants immediate employment.

"Upon finishing his first year, a graduate can be employed as a programmer, web developer or systems network officer. After his second year, he could be employed as a system analyst, system developer, multimedia developer or web master. He could opt to go abroad or seek employment here," says Riingen.

Informatics, however, is looking beyond a two-year course. It has opened Informatics International College (IIC), which confers degrees from affiliate colleges and universities worldwide.

IIC has opened at Filinvest Alabang's Northgate Cybercity and St. Francis Square Ortigas Center, and offers diploma programs, advance diploma programs, ladderized Informatics BS degrees, and others.

Students have the option of finishing their final year online via the Internet, onsite via the high-tech facilities of IIC, or on-campus in the foreign university they choose to enroll in. For those who cannot afford to study abroad, IIC offers the ladderized degree programs that can be completed in three to eight years, depending on the student's pace.

The "ladderized" system is explained by Riingen thus: "Every step of the way we give quality education and certification and skills to students." It ties in with the demands of an ever-advancing technology.

Informatics partners with other schools for their IT education courses.

"Many schools, especially in the provinces, are not technologically equipped to handle the IT side of their academic system. This is where we come in. It's basically a concept of outsourcing."

Informatics is now the IT-education partner of 100 schools all over the country. The institute also runs more than 40 centers nationwide, 24 of which are located in Metro Manila, in line with Riingen's dictum: "If you can't come to us, we'll go to you."

The 39-year-old is also president of CAL Holdings Phils. (master franchise holder of CAL Computer School).He is a gadget man and collects electronics ranging from tools to top of the line equipment. His house has a wireless network allowing Internet access from every nook. He's also an avid photographer, with five SLRs and three digital cameras, and more importantly, "an eye."

Working in a place that knows no sleep

By Angelina G. Goloy
Contributor

VAN Tecson Jr.(seated), Irene Serrano, Os Lizardo, Alice Roa-Ramos

ASK anyone working at Smart Communications, Inc., and he or she is likely to tell you, his or her mobile phone has hardly been turned off since day one on the job.

"It's a sin to turn off your phone," exclaims Irene Serrano, not entirely in jest.

"A self-inflicted habit" is how Alice Roa-Ramos puts it.

"You look for your phone the way you feel your wallet in your pocket every time you go out," adds Van Tecson Jr.

"No, it's not company policy, just a way of life at Smart," Os Lizardo clarifies in a sharing session with newcomer Aimee Albaricia.

Keep the lines open

At the mobile phone company, the oft-repeated dictum about keeping communication lines open is taken quite literally.

It's a way of keeping pace with the fast-changing world of mobile communications, a means of maintaining transparency within the organization and encouraging interaction between the top brass and employees.

The 10-year-old company was recently cited as the Philippines' Best Employer in an Asia-wide study conducted by Dow Jones and Hewitt Associates.

It was cited for "sustaining leadership position in the industry by inspiring and motivating employees to be at peak performance at all times, practicing social responsibility attached to the ability to influence the lifestyles of Filipinos, and for its very open communication and highly consultative process in implementing organization change."

With the technology constantly upgrading, you wouldn't want to be caught unaware, you'd want to be accessible all the time, says Lizardo, senior manager, Mobile Commerce.

"In the first place, being in the communications business, our lifestyle revolves around the phone. I give instructions to my staff on the phone even before I reach the office, or while I'm on vacation" she adds.

"I want to make sure I can be reached at all times," says Serrano, manager, Wireless Operations Center-Southern Luzon.

"It would be a shame if your boss needed you and you were unreachable," opines Tecson, IT manager.

"In the end, the choice is really ours," says Ramos, senior manager, Marketing IDD. "For any kind of emergency, we can call our colleagues and bosses at any time of day or night. This way, we are able to accomplish more, respond to emergencies faster."

Corporate hierarchy

The open-lines policy applies to the upper rungs of the corporate hierarchy.

There aren't any executive vice presidents, SVPs, VPs, AVPs—only heads of departments.

Human Resources head Annette V. Santiago sums it up: "We are transparent about our targets (and) expectations ... From the newest staff to the tenured manager, everyone is aware of net income, churn rates, subscriber base ... Everything critical to achieving organizational goals is shared because everyone is responsible for accomplishing these."

The company's selection process is designed to screen out those who won't thrive in a high-pressure, fast-paced environment, those who are uncomfortable with ambiguity or who look for clear-cut job descriptions.

Lizardo, a business economics graduate whose previous job experience was in marketing, admits she knew nothing about billing when she was assigned to it. She took it as a challenge. "The beauty of it is, you're given the opportunity to re-invent yourself, raise the bar of your personal performance. People will always be there to see you succeed."

Although training is important in IT, there was none in the early days of his department, Tecson recalls. It drove him to explore ways to get the job done, says this computer science graduate.

"Part of the culture at Smart is to be always ready for the unknown," he says.

Of course, on-the-job training works if you get support from people around you who are competent, committed, confident you can do it, explains Ramos, a business economics graduate.

Before Smart, marketing was alien to her "sedate" personality. But her boss taught her to be a little more aggressive. "Here, you're stretched, challenged, and then you put in your own creativity. You define your job," she says.

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Citigroup among US' 10 largest firms

FORTUNE magazine has ranked Citigroup number six in its latest list of the Top 500 Largest US Corporations. This is a move of one place up the ranks from last year on revenues of $100.79 billion. Citibank was also named the top commercial bank in the same survey.

Despite the fact that it was a testing year for many of the companies in the list, with profits over all plunging 66 percent to levels not seen since 1993, Citigroup remained the most profitable company in the world, as it bucked the trend and saw its numbers rise 8 percent to $15.276 billion.

Citigroup officials say the bank has never been stronger. The diversity of products and geographies enable Citigroup to absorb shocks and remain buoyant during times of adversity as it benefits from a flight to quality.

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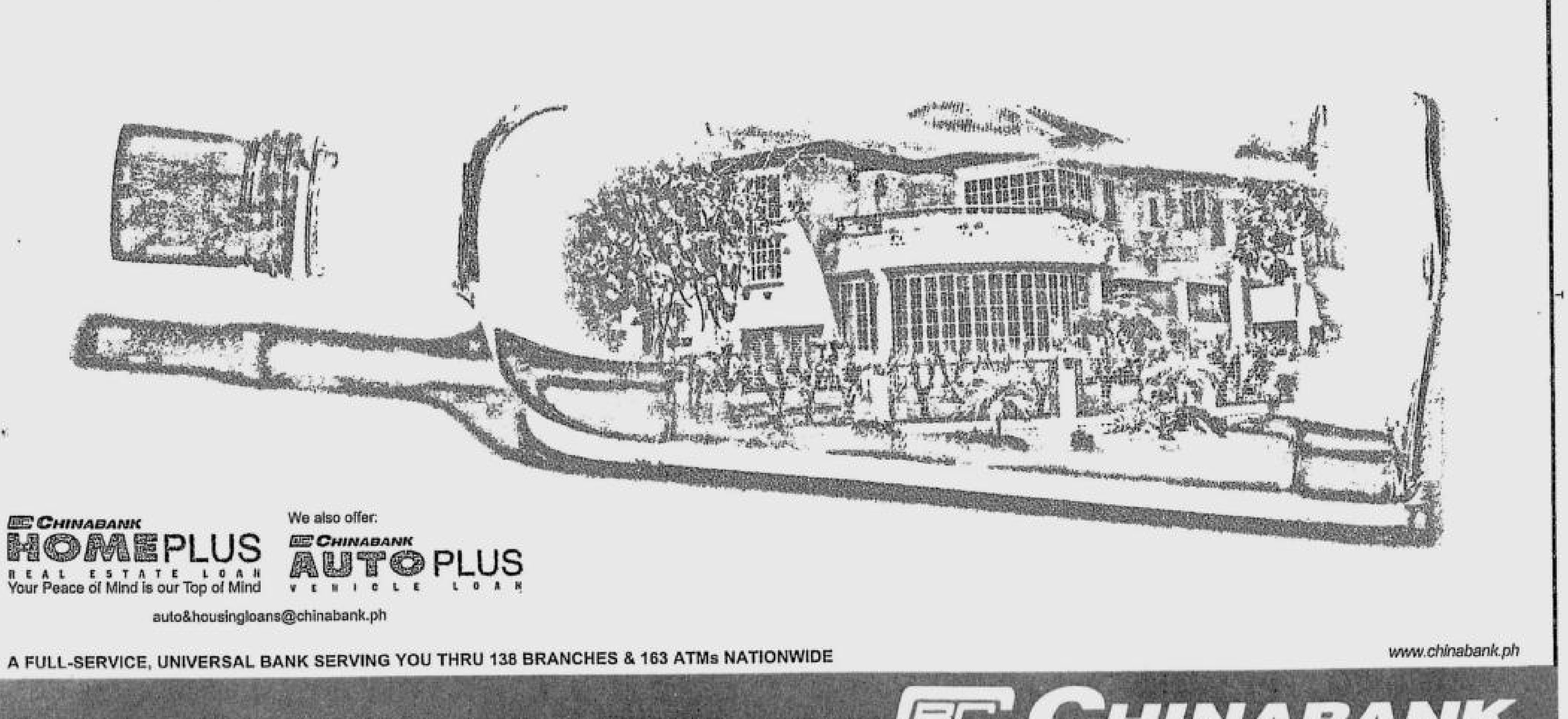

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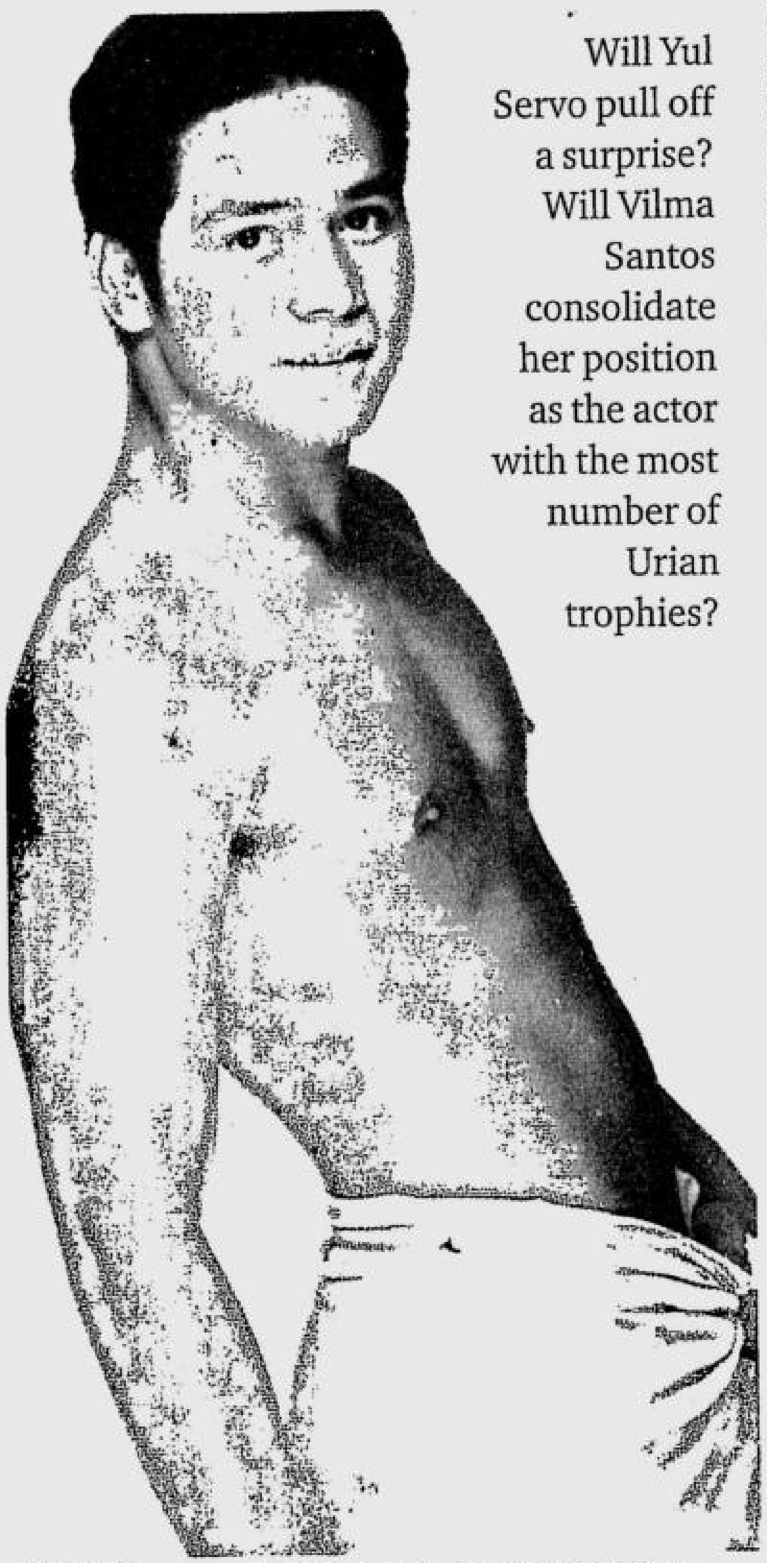

JUST ONE more award and Piolo Pascual becomes the biggest winner this year.

Will Yul Servo pull off a surprise? Will Vilma Santos consolidate her position as the actor with the most number of Urian trophies?

By Lito B. Zulueta

LAST YEAR may have seen fewer Filipino movies, but the number was enough to provide a variety of roles that challenged actors and expanded their reach. The nominees in the acting categories of the Gawad Urian should prove this, making the acting derby this year as closely watched as in any other year.

Perhaps the tightest race is in the leading actor category, which has eight nominees. Easily the most senior of the lot, Christopher de Leon is also the leading contender for his finely nuanced portrayal of a typical father coming to grips with the specter of a family falling apart amid a social order riven by the contradictions of a harsh tyranny in Chito Roño's "Dekada '70."

Putting up a spirited challenge is the next most senior actor of the lot, Ricky Davao, who is totally engaging and funny as the closet-queen Filipino expatriate in Queens, New York, in Laurice Guillen's "American Adobo."

Complex characterization

Albert Martinez and Yul Servo are costars in Maryo J. de los Reyes's "Laman," playing best friends with antipodal personalities—Albert as a manipulative city slicker and Yul as a country bumpkin forced to share his wife with the former in a dangerous game of sexual politics. It is only right that they are nominated for two of the more riveting male characterizations in recent memory.

Aga Muhlach tries to move out of the matinee-idol mold with some success in Rory Quintos' "Kailangan Kita." Ditto with Rudy Fernandez who doesn't as much as move out of the action-hero mold as remake it into something less tiring and more winning in "Diskarte."

Vhong Navarro does wonders with a comic role in Gilbert Perez's "Jologs."

Jay Manalo lives up to the demands of his character in "Prosti." As a man-about-the-house-of-sin who is smitten by a neophyte whore, he shows verve and complexity of characterization.

Manalo is again nominated for best supporting actor as the soft-spoken, self-effacing fiancé to an untrusting, malevolent taipan's daughter in the Sinoy (for Sino and Pinoy) saga "Mano Po." His co-nominee in the movie is Tirso Cruz III, as a sturdily obedient son-in-law to Eddie Garcia's patriarch in a movie that portrays the tensions within an ethnic group known for its closely knit filial relations.

Johnny Delgado is also nominated for best supporting actor as the heartwarming father with a painful secret in "Kailangan Kita." Jeffrey Quizon's scene-stealers in Jon Red's "Utang ni Tatang" have landed him in the circle of nominees.

Piolo Pascual's stirring, heartbreaking turn as a young communist in "Dekada '70" has already earned him the best supporting trophy in all of the major award-giving groups. Will the role grant him the Urian best supporting actor trophy and a clean sweep of the awards?

Affecting, restrained

Like in the best actor derby, the best supporting actress race is tight and close, with eight nominees.

Dexter Doria and Irma Adlawan are co-nominees for Gil Portez's "Mga Munting Tinig" as hilarious public school teachers struggling with a thankless profession in a thankless, deprived small village.

As the principal, Doria summons her reserves of grit and spunk in playing the prime

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TWO NOMINATIONS. Jay Manalo cited in the best actor category for "Prosti" and best supporting actor for "Mano Po."

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awards in Singapore last year. When I perform in an informal event, I usually just wear jeans and a shirt that has character."

Favorite eyewear. "The black sunglasses from cébé. This pair is sporty and can be worn everyday."

Favorite book. "It has got to be the 'How I Play Golf' book that Tiger Woods wrote. It reveals the many facets of his game and offers tips on all levels of play. It costs me about P4,000. I also have Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Payne Stuart, and books written by Gary Goldschneider, Joost Elffers. I read a lot of music manuals, too."

Camera. "*Pang*-professional *ito.* It's a Nikon D-100. It's light, compact and has 6.1 megapixels. Since I'm known as a musician, some people give me a puzzled look whenever they see me with a digital camera."

BIG BOY'S TOYS. Ogie poses with his action figure collection.

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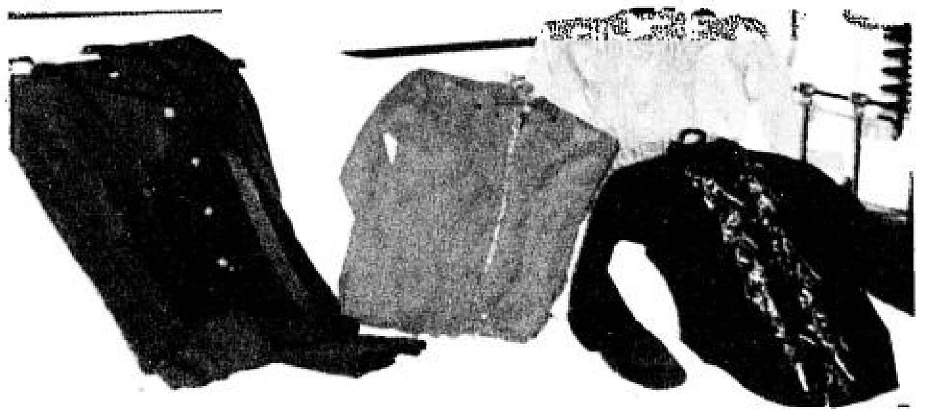
SHOE FETISH. Most of the pairs in his collection have been given away.



CHARACTER SHIRTS. Randy Ortiz creations.

'X-MEN 2'

Darker, smarter, sexier superheroes

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

READING "Uncanny X-Men" and some of its spinoff titles from the 5th grade to sophomore year in college was one of the more obvious signs of my inherent geekiness. Its quirky blend of unending struggles about discrimination with an ever-changing team of outcast characters appealed to my inner optimist. Here was a group of superheroes—mutants—with globe-spanning backgrounds, sharing a common "X-gene," who habitually saves a world that fears and despises them.

With other like-minded individuals, I appreciated the book's mature take on the human condition and its members' capacity for selflessness or self-destruction. We lamented dangling storylines and horrible guest artists, and cheered the introduction of characters that more or less reflected our insecurities as well as our best aspirations.

That's what made it so popular worldwide. Its balance of soap opera dourness with unpredictable action conflicts became a pageantry of colorful, epic and personal struggles that are often Darwinian in proportions. The angsty X-Men figuratively (and sometimes literally) represented reality's disenfranchised: non-conformists, eccentric artists, nerds, gay people, and ethnic minorities.

MUTANT MA'AMS. Jean Gray (Famke Janssen, left) and Storm (Halle Berry).

The first X-Men movie also introduced mutants as the new species in the evolutionary ladder. And while that world is a tad streamlined (a baggage of convoluted backstory was naturally sifted through), it worked in capturing the monthly title's spirit. The second part of the trilogy, "X-Men 2" (it's being called "X2" for easy recall), brings back director Bryan Singer and the star-studded cast in a story that's darker and more immediate in nature.

No introductions are made, it's assumed that viewers know the drill. Professor Xavier (Patrick Stewart) is the telepathic headmaster of a secret school of mutants, while Magneto (Ian McKellen) is the imprisoned, metal-shaping leader of a small band of extremists. A new danger emerges to upset the status quo: the mutant-hating William Stryker (Brian Cox), an influential military figure bent on wiping out anyone possessing an X-gene.

Better paced and edited than its predecessor, "X2" is also busier with several subplots. Young members Rogue (Anna Paquin) and Iceman (Shawn Ashmore) try to pursue an intimate relationship, despite obvious hindrances (she can steal a person's psyche through skin contact). Semi-amnesiac berserker Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) finally gets to cut loose with his unbreakable claws in more slam-bang scenes (rejoice, comics fans!), while trying to unlock his lost past.

But Wolverine isn't the only character being fleshed out this time. The mostly drapery-like characters in the first film, mutant teachers Storm (Halle Berry), Jean Grey (Famke Janssen) and Cyclops (James Marsden) get considerably more screen time.

They're given more characterization, becoming more integral to this story's overall impact. Yet even with an already large cast, the addition of a few new characters doesn't clutter the atmosphere at all.

Nightcrawler (Alan Cumming), a demon-looking devout Catholic, is one of the more popular contradictions in the book that debuts here, with previously unseen Maori-looking religious tattoos. Pyro (Aaron Stanford) is a rebellious student who manipulates flames (his moniker's short for "pyrokinetic"), and is a black sheep among Xavier's black sheep.

Smarter, sexier and more affecting, this sequel utilizes a bigger budget and less creative restrictions. It shows, too: The special effects and sets look better, also augmented by a noticeably more energetic ensemble acting. The X-Men actually functions like a cohesive unit now, experiencing a new dynamism that lets each character shine without resulting in a muddled narrative.

CUMMING

There's a sense of urgency here that wasn't really realized in Marvel's other properties, "Spider-Man" and "Daredevil," a tension that's involving in its recognizable fury. There's anxiety and intolerance, and Xavier's unsung beacons of hope are often chased away by the people they save. In the comics, mutants have been called "muties," a racial slur that's as hurtful as any.

The state of being mutants transcends skin color, creed, and social caste. The next batch of people can control minds, the weather, and even their own physical ap-

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schoolmarm of a nearly forgotten public school, making small business among the students, acting stern and severe but also making grudging small acts of kindness if need be.

Adlawan plays the kooky, not-too-intelligent teacher, representative of the poor quality of products of education schools, driven however by good intentions that should make up for all of the erroneous pedagogy.

Amy Austria and Kris Aquino are co-nominees for "Mano Po." Austria is particularly effective as a Chinese-Filipino adult trying to put her youthful rebellious past behind her, but continues to be affected by the memory of her former boyfriend, a Filipino, from the underground who has disappeared inexplicably.

Aquino delivers a surprisingly restrained performance as the youngest sister in a Chinese-Filipino brood of conflicting drives and sensibilities.

Judy Ann Santos gives a credible portrayal of a sensitive sibling in "Magkapatid."

As the "mama-san" with a menacing eyepatch in "Prosti," Raquel Villavicencio is shady but subtle. As the shoe-store saleswoman suffering from domestic battering and silly notions of romance in "Paraisong Parisukat," Madeleine Enriquez is affecting.

Elizabeth Oropesa delivers her usual competent performance as the touching former prostitute with the steely heart of gold, drawing the urban evil to herself so as to spare the young rustic innocents in "Laman."

Heart-rending

The best actress race has always been the most eagerly anticipated of the awards, and this year, the anticipation is even more heated.

Alessandra de Rossi delivers a very mature performance as the teacher fresh out of education school, eager to shake a small town out of lethargy imposed by poverty and social resignation in "Mga Munting Tinig."

Dina Bonnevie and Cherrie Pie Picache are co-nominees for "American Adobo." Bonnevie is plucky as the Filipino expatriate with a modern attitude trying to settle down with a handsome American womanizer, and Picache is heart-rending as the lovelorn, loveless traditional émigré eager for romance but with none in sight.

Ara Mina's portrayal of a Sinoy daughter rebelling against the conformism and strictures of Chinese society in "Mano Po" is effective and—considering the unfortunate patchwork-like written character that makes references to the shady Rosemarie "Rosebud" Ong, among other tabloid-ish allusions—even impressive.

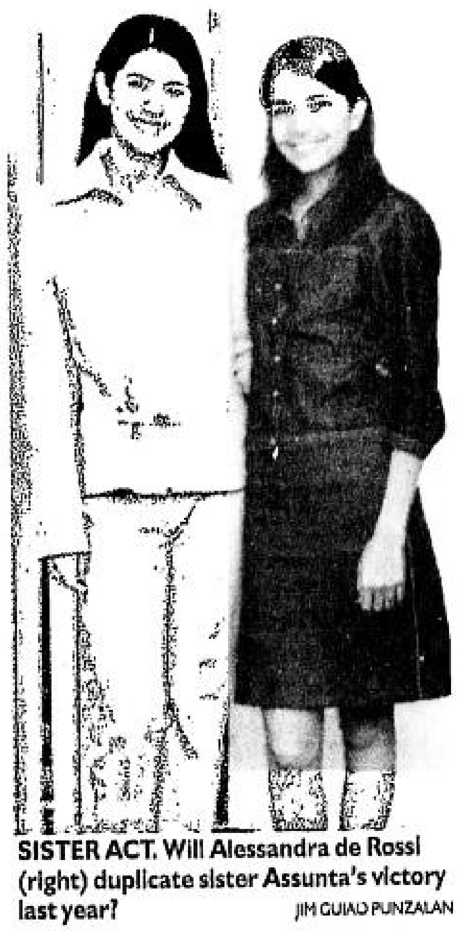
Poignant, brilliant

Vilma Santos' much-heralded turn as someone coming into her own as a woman, wife and mother during the Marcos dictatorship is coruscating, poignant, and ultimately brilliant. If she wins again, she firms up her position as the "winningest" actor in the history of the Gawad Urian. Will she?

The 26th Gawad Urian of the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino, the society of respected film critics, will be held on May 17 at the AFP Theater. It will be televised on Channel 9.

Presented by the Antonio P. Tuviera (APT) Productions, the ceremonies are sponsored by Jollibee, Procter & Gamble, and Sustagen.

This year's Manunuri chair is Gigi Javier-Alfonso, professor of film at the UP College of Mass Communication (UP-CMC). The members include Nicanor Tiongson, former artistic director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and chair of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board; Bienvenido Lumbera, 1993 Ramon Magsaysay Award laureate; Ellen Paglinauan, dean of the UP-CMC; Mario Hernando, Sunday Malaya editor; Bro. Mike Rapatan, FSC, head of the communications department of De la Salle University; columnist and TV personality Butch Francisco; and Rolando Tolentino, cultural studies lecturer at the Osaka University.



SISTER ACT. Will Alessandra de Rossi (right) duplicate sister Assunta's victory last year?

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

LINE MAN. Colin Farrel is competent but not as commanding as he was in "Tigerland."

'PHONE BOOTH'

Dial S for a little suspense

By Raul C. Dancel
Contributor

REVIEW

"PHONE Booth" provides an interesting concept for a cutting-edge talk show. Put a pathological liar inside a phone booth, gather around him all the people who matter to him, aim a rifle at him and make him confess his sins and indiscretions on national television. If he lies or hangs up, he or someone he loves gets a bullet in the head. The show's title could even be something like "Lie and You Die."

"Phone Booth," starring Hollywood star of the moment Colin Farell, is essentially an 81-minute reality talk show with a lethal twist. Its main character is Stu Shepard (Farell), a fast-talking, hype-mongering New York press agent who's egging one of his fetching young clients, Pamela McFadden (Kate Holmes), to sleep with him. He's using a phone booth at 53rd and 8th—supposedly Manhattan's last—because he's married and he doesn't want the call to turn up on his monthlv cell phone bill that his wife Kelly (Radha Mitchell) checks regularly.

A delivery man approaches him inside the phone booth and tells him someone has ordered a pizza for him. Thinking he's being set up for a practical joke, Stu berates the guy and rudely tells him to get lost. The phone rings and he follows the universal human practice of answering it.

That's when the talk show begins, with Stu as the special guest and The Caller, as he's identified in the credits, as the rifle-wielding host.

Losing steam

Stu finds himself in the cross hairs of a mysterious man with a serious case of vengeful-god complex. The voice is harsh, sardonic and sounds like it belongs to an intelligent and twisted man with a sense of humor who somehow takes offense at Stu's lack of ethics. The sniper refuses to let go until Stu publicly confesses that he's been cheating on his wife and that he's nothing but an obnoxious, slimy low-life outfitted in designer threads. To prove he means business, the sniper guns down a loudmouthed pimp (John Enos III) and grazes one of Stu's ears.

The challenge here for the people behind this movie is really how to make a full-length thriller—set on a one-block radius and paced by conversations about morality—interesting enough for the audience to stay in their seats.

Picture-in-picture shots of people on the phone with Stu somehow expands the tight setting, and director Joel Schumacher, who managed to shoot the movie in 10 days, does manage to string some tense situations, as Stu is forced into one double bind after another. Cinematographer Matthew Libatique uses handheld cameras to pump up the sense of immediacy as Stu's predicament becomes a televised confrontation.

The movie, however, gradually loses steam and its tenuous grip on reality as soon as the law appears. As the standoff drags on, the movie rapidly loses what little suspense it has built up.

One drawback is the movie's flaw in logic and presentation. Why pick on a horny, obnoxious publicist? Stu is an awfully small fry compared to the other targets—a German pornographer and a crooked corporate executive—that the sniper boasts of having executed. He may treat his gofer and pizza delivery boys like dirt and has lust in his heart for an aspiring actress, but technically he still hasn't done anything that is really sinful. When Stu confesses his weaknesses and indiscretions, there's nothing there that should get a vigilante with morality issues all riled up.

Win or lose

Farell is competent as Stu, notwithstanding the Irish traces in his Bronx accent. He plays his character like an updated version of Sidney Falco from "Sweet Smell of Success."

"Phone Booth" is Farrell's to win or lose, since he's onscreen most of the time, but he isn't as commanding here as in "Tigerland" (2000), also by Schumacher, where he played a recruit who was too smart and too verbal to be a good trainee, and stirred up trouble in a fraught situation.

The movie's release was delayed to take advantage of Farrell's profile-raising appearance in "Minority Report," then was bumped after last fall's sniper attacks in the Washington DC, area.

DID YOU KNOW...

CALOOCAN City Mayor **Rey Malonzo** is said to be grooming his live-in partner, **Gigi Emnace**, to run in the 2004 mayoral elections.

Interestingly, Malonzo's perennial opponent, **Macario "Boy" Asistio**, is also reportedly wooing Malonzo's ex-wife, **Veronica Ayson**, to be his (Asistio's) vice-mayor in next year's elections.

Imagine if the live-in partner and the ex-wife both win. Then Caloocan will be served by Malonzo's "girls."

Meanwhile, Malonzo is said to be eyeing a congressional seat in 2004.

Malonzo has filed a petition to annul his marriage to Ayson, so he can allow Emnace to use his surname when she runs for mayor.

Malonzo has four children with Ayson, while he has two with Emnace.

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pearances. The future belongs to demigods who can either make the world a utopia or a wasteland. "X2" captures that sense of wonder and potential danger on a global scale, while presenting relatable quandaries like a love triangle, losing faith in a cause, or even poor self-esteem.

I began reading the characters' adventures again almost two years ago in "New X-Men," a revamped flagship title written by master scribe Grant Morrison. He currently contributes challenging innovations that will hopefully be integrated in the last movie.

But for now, "X2" is still a powerful action film that works intricately on so many levels, watchable proof that not all superhero comic books have faulty big screen realizations.

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'X-Men' and 'Spider-Man' success sparks explosion of superhero movies

SPIDERMAN. A sequel is in the works.

LOS ANGELES—Look! Up on the screen! It's ... a superhero!

A surplus of superheroes, to be more precise.

Along with the new sequel "X2: X-Men United," other comic book-inspired films this year include the already released "Daredevil" and "Bulletproof Monk" and upcoming adaptations of "The Hulk" and "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."

The built-in audience for these films grants studios that most coveted of superpowers: the ability to make piles of money, not only from sequels but from merchandise–and spin-offs.

The "X-Men" franchise, which in 2000 helped fuel the current comics renaissance, is particularly fertile for follow-ups because of its ensemble nature.

Both films focus on rival groups of mutants–some militant, others peaceful–who are despised by regular humans for their varying abilities to disrupt weather, sling fire, read minds, manipulate metal and shift shapes.

Characters

"I would love to break off every one of these characters into their own movies," said Lauren Shuler Donner, producer of "X-Men" and "X2."

Which all could feed a superhero glut.

Sony already has a "Spider-Man" sequel in the works with stars Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, while 20th Century Fox is developing a film about the irradiated family of "The Fantastic Four" and a follow-up to "Daredevil" based on its blind crime-fighter's resurrected girlfriend, Elektra, with Jennifer Garner reprising her role.

Artisan has hired Thomas Jane to play the Marvel Comics street vigilante "The Punisher," while New Line is developing a film about the metal-encased "Iron Man" and a third film with Wesley Snipes as the vampire hunter "Blade."

Meanwhile, Warner Bros. is taking advantage of its ties to DC Comics. "Memento" director Christopher Nolan is overseeing a new take on "Batman" for the studio while Halle Berry has signed on for a separate project about the feline foe "Catwoman."

A series of major flops, however, could make audiences tire of comic book films.

Dangerous

"They're not just cranking them out like sausages yet, and that's a good thing," said Michael Dougherty, co-writer of "X2." "But the point where it will become dangerous is when they'll start making them overnight, like 'Oh, let's jump on the bandwagon really quick and start cranking stuff out even if the script sucks and grab whatever name-actor we can.'"

While superhero films were a staple of low-budget serials in the 1940s and '50s, the genre fused with big-budget special effects in 1978's "Superman," starring Christopher Reeve. After the well-regarded "Superman II" in 1980, fans lost interest when the series collapsed into campy comedy and political preachiness over two more movies.

Director Tim Burton's 1989 "Batman" and 1992 "Batman Returns" became hits with somber, macabre visions of the Caped Crusader, but the series suffered the same fatal dose of corniness as the "Superman" franchise when director Joel Schumacher took over. the next two films, "Batman Forever" (1995) and "Batman and Robin" (1997).

Other comic-book movie misfires over the past 15 years include the flops "Mystery Men," "The Phantom," "Spawn" and "Josie and the Pussycats." A 1990 version of "Captain America" was dumped straight to home video.

Fan loyalty

For now, producers of superhero films are hoping to learn from those mistakes and maintain fan loyalty with better special effects, darker storytelling and faithfulness to the original comic books.

"Hopefully, if we've done our job right on this one, audiences will find our characters interesting enough that they'll go back despite what's out in the marketplace," Shuler Donner said. "On the other hand, who knows? Maybe each success of each film helps the next one."

A top contender for a solo "X-Men" spin-off, she said, is Wolverine (played by Hugh Jackman) whose ability to rapidly heal led to an experiment in which an indestructible metal skeleton and claws were grafted to his body.

Jackman said he would be game to reprise Wolverine in other films because recent screen superheros are more nuanced and vulnerable than previous incarnations.

"He makes mistakes. He's irreverent. He's got issues," Jackman said of his character. "He could do with a whole batch of therapy and still be a long way from being happy. He's more layered. It's much more interesting to play that than the good guy who has it all together."

Storytelling

Darker storytelling also has helped some superhero-based films attract stars who previously had little interest in the fantasy format.

Nick Nolte, who plays the father of a man who becomes the chaotic, green menace in "The Hulk," was persuaded to take the role because director Ang Lee, best known for "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," described it as "a father-son tragedy."

"I wasn't interested in doing a cartoon, but Ang came out to the house and said, 'Look Nick, I don't know how to do a cartoon, but I do know how to make a Greek tragedy.' I said, 'If we go for a Greek tragedy, I'll go for it'," Nolte recalled.

"If we do it right, there should be some elements of compassion, maybe some pain."

"The Hulk" is set to debut June 20.

Not all superheros are making an easy transition back to the screen, however.

False start

Warner Bros.' plan to revive "Superman" on the big screen hit a roadblock recently after a series of top-tier actors balked at taking the role. A previous false start for the Man of Steel came in the late 1990s, after Burton and Nicolas Cage abandoned plans for a film called "Superman Reborn."

"Superman" does live, however, on the small screen. The WB network's "Smallville" has become a hit by chronicling the teenage years of Clark Kent as he grows into his powers.

Actress Allison Mack, who plays a teenage reporter with a crush on Kent in "Smallville," said part of the show's appeal is showing a budding Superman in his awkward and vulnerable phase. *AP*

WILLING BUT not able, Diana Zubiri could not give an interview.

Diana Zubiri acting 'high and mighty'?

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

AN EYEWITNESS and member of the entourage of **Diana Zubiri** is denying the rumor that the sexy star acted "high and mighty" while shooting videoke clips for BMG Records in Palawan last week.

The eyewitness also said Diana didn't snub Palaweños and, in fact, was very friendly to the locals during the entire shoot.

A reporter claiming he is from ABS-CBN reportedly approached Diana when she arrived at the Puerto Princesa airport last Thursday. While Diana was waiting for her bags in the cramped baggage claim area, the reporter asked for an ambush interview with the sexy star right away. Diana politely said she could be interviewed later when she got out of the airport. "*Mamaya na,*" she told the reporter, who was at the airport reportedly to cover the arrival of some PBA stars from San Miguel and Sta. Lucia teams, who played in Palawan last Saturday.

But as soon as Diana got out of the terminal, her manager **Jojo Gabinete** whisked her to a waiting van. Jojo had arrived in Palawan with the BMG Records entourage the day before the shoot. Diana was accompanied by her makeup artist, **Lawrence**.

The reporter didn't get a chance to interview Diana, but later called the guide who was with Diana's group and reacted angrily, allegedly threatening to spread the word that the sexy star was playing high and mighty and refused to be interviewed. A member of Diana's group, however, stressed that no interview with Diana had been scheduled for that day. Diana was willing to grant the interview with the "ABS-CBN reporter," but she could not stop when she got out of the airport because she didn't want to create a stir, according to the member of her group.

BMG Records had wanted to keep the video shoot away from the public eye since Diana would have mostly sexy and topless shots on the Palawan beaches.

"Diana didn't snub anyone and she had no intention of snubbing that reporter," said the member of the entourage.

Diana is the second artist that BMG Records will launch in a videoke collection series, after the successful and controversial "Private Joyce" of **Joyce Jimenez**.

Aga's back

AGA Muhlach is back in the scene, after an eye infection put him on the sidelines for nearly a month.

Aga's right eye had closed due to a virus (not conjunctivitis or sore eyes) which infected his cornea, so he had to stay away from the limelight. His manager, **Ethel Ramos**, said Aga apparently got the virus after staying up late following consecutive parties, which started with the debut of **Sharon Cuneta**'s daughter, **KC Concepcion** early last month.

When Aga showed up for the launch of Promac Home Entertainment last Saturday, he had to get used again to the glare of TV camera lights.

"*Nanibago ako, may* camera *na naman,*" he said. "*Halos isang buwan akong nakakulong sa ba-*

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CLEAR-EYED again, Aga Muhlach endorses a new Promac product.

FIRST TEAM-UP. Promac "Surreal" commercial director Sid Maderazo (left) with the celebrity endorser.

Wake-up call for awards groups

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE RECENT awards night of the FAP film competition and the Famas have been fraught with controversial decisions, prompting some people to stop paying attention to film awards in general. Well, this is rather late in the day, don't you think? We ourselves have had that attitude for some years now.

Yes, some film awards are on the up-and-up, but we have so many different awards groups these days that their credibility in general has been diluted.

After all, groups put up awards for different reasons, and with various degrees of discernment and competence. So, we have to let experience be our guide. When six different groups come up with conflicting sets of winners, we have to decide for ourselves which set is the most deserving, and thus conclude that the group that came up with that set of winners is the most credible of all.

As for the groups whose decisions are being challenged, they shouldn't reject the criticisms out of hand and stick their heads in the sand until the controversy blows over.

Instead, they should see this criticism as a wake-up call that should prompt them to reevaluate and reform their awards processes, rather than fudging the complaints with all sorts of counter-claims.

The new FAP leadership is supposed to act on the controversy surrounding its awards soon. As far for the Famas, it's the country's oldest film awards group, but it's been fraught with controversy throughout its checkered history.

We ourselves were a Famas juror, but resigned with some 10 others due to another set of controversial decisions years ago. It was that eye-opening experience that, in part, prompted us to help organize the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino, of which we were the founding chair, and to put up the Urian awards as a more credible alternative to the existing film awards then.

We can still recall the movie industry's excitement over the first Urian awards, which were announced and given out in very simple ceremonies at the CCP Little Theater. The Manunuri's credibility was high, and quite a number of film people expressed their appreciation for the awards' relative objectivity and competence.

These days, however, film awards are controversial all over again, prompting some people to call for a reevaluation of the decisions of various awards groups. This is important for the simple reason that awards set standards and touchstones for film workers.

If mediocre work wins an award, it sends the wrong signal to film workers and moviegoers alike. That's why its essential that awards be credible and free from all sorts of blandishments.

Anything less would be doing a disservice to the film industry that we all so fiercely claim to love.

Schedule of performances

THE MUSICAL-COMEDY group Gladys and the Boxers with K has a sizzling schedule of performances this month: May 7, at Music Warehouse in Meycauayan, Bulacan. May 14, at Music Warehouse, Legarda. May 16, at California Dreamin Bar and Grill on Wilson St. in Greenhills.

May 21, at Klownz Comedy Bar on Quezon Ave. And May 28, at Music Warehouse in Meycauayan, Bulacan.

Members are **Kakai Brosas, Daniel Lardizabal, Cris Samonte** and **Gladys Guevarra.**

'Pinocchio'

ROBERTO Benigni directs and stars in the new, live-action version of "Pinocchio," which benefits greatly from recent advances in digital technology.

An important special effect was Pinnochio's nose, which grew longer and longer as his lying escalated. To make the effect both credible and entertaining, tests had to be conducted on fake noses of different lengths, from 25 centimeters to two meters!

The fairytale's lush fantasy setting was another major challenge for the production's special effects wizards. They hit upon the bright idea of creating a set of mirrored images that could be overlapped, reflecting into each other.

Jimmy Bondoc sings at Eastwood's Ipanema

PRAIA de Ipanema Bar and Restaurant in Eastwood City Walk marks the merry month of May with "Fiesta @ Ipanema," a month-long celebration of life and music featuring a powerhouse cast of acoustic performers.

Ipanema starts off the week with Jimmy Bondoc, the country's most promising acoustic recording star, performing on Mondays.

Other artists are Essence on Tuesdays, MYMP (Make Your Mama Proud) on Wednesdays and Hour Glass, with Ria Villena alternating with Dominic Burton on Thursdays.

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Did You Know...

Showing off her newly liposuctioned shape was **Katya Santos**, who did a guest dance spot in the Mossimo bikini summit in Boracay last weekend with her fellow Viva Hot Babes **Jen Rosendahl** and **Kristine Jaka**, but Katya was getting all the attention and picture-taking requests. *Salamat po, doktor*.

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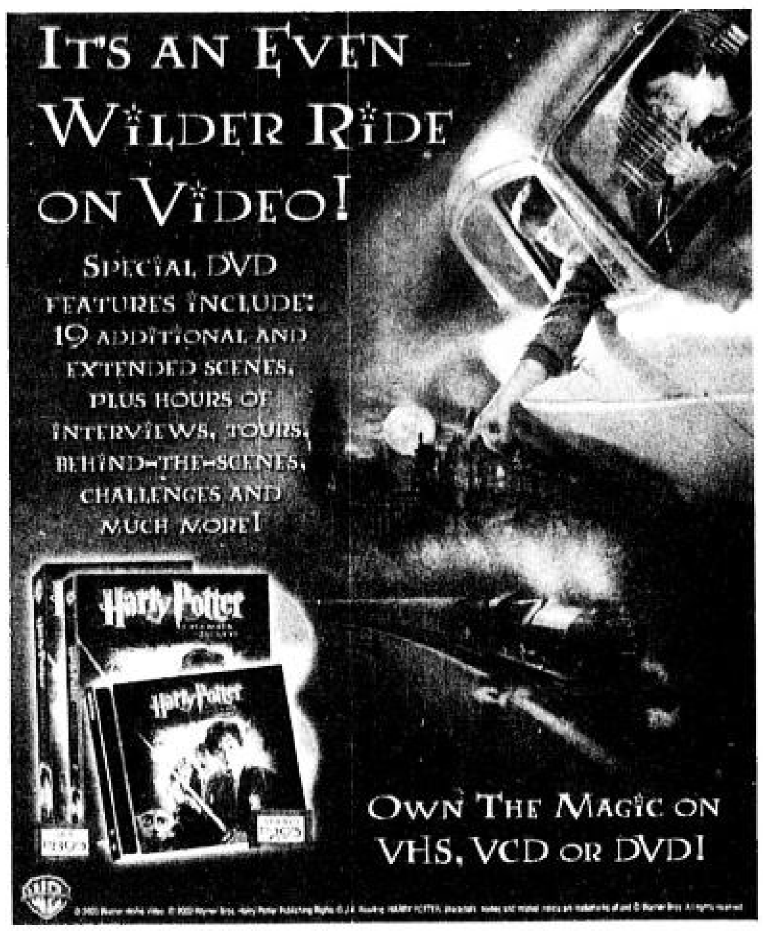
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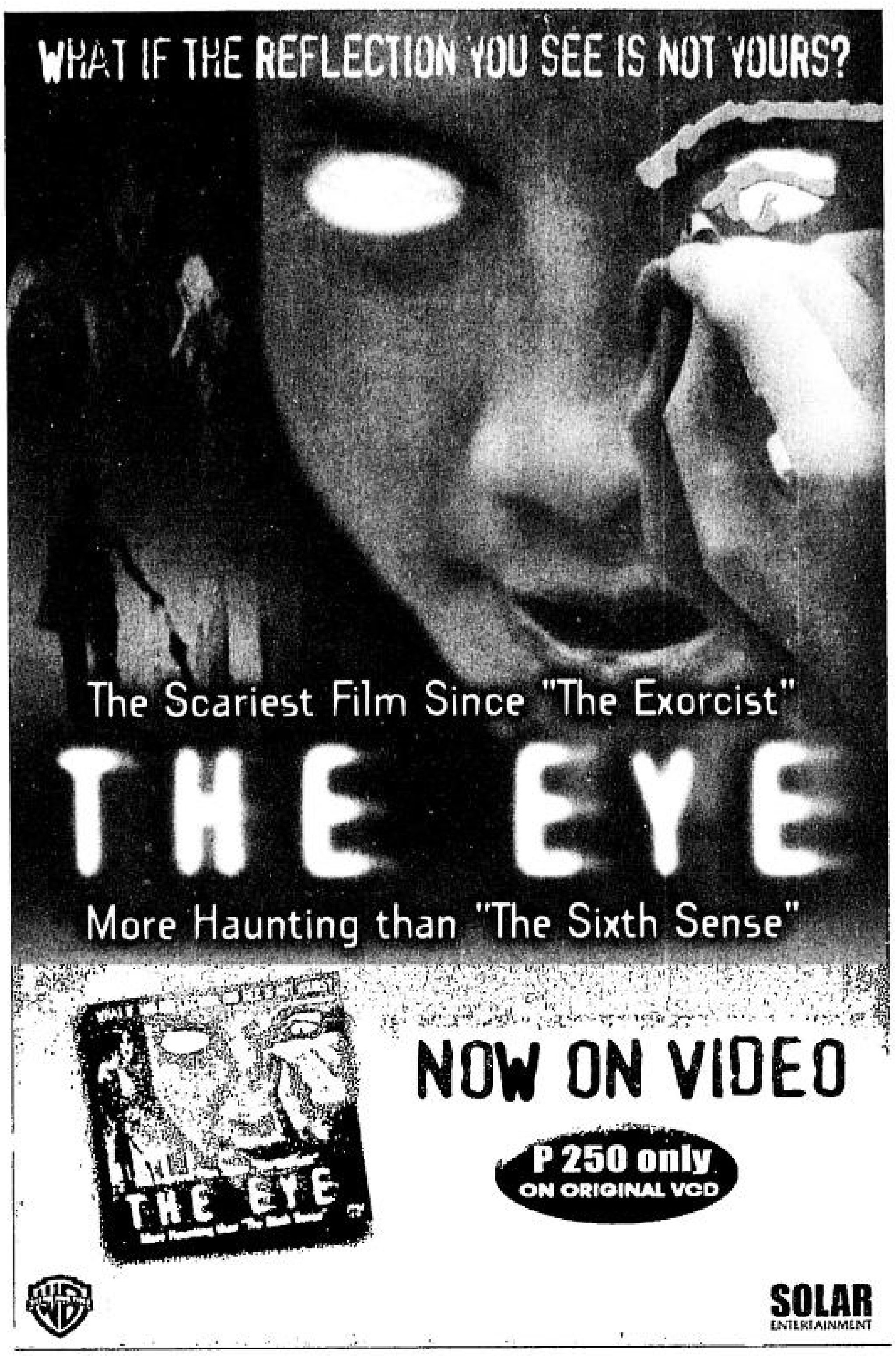
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Lani Misalucha sings for a cause in Singapore fund-raising event

MISALUCHA

SHOW STOPPERS

LANI Misalucha conquered the hearts of Singaporean dignitaries when she did a charity show with fellow Asian divas Ziana Zain of Malaysia, Pat Suthasinee of Thailand, Ruth Sahanaya of Indonesia and Wendi Koh of Singapore at the posh ballroom of Swissotel, sister hotel of the legendary Raffles in Singapore.

The venue was packed to the rafters and the Community Chest was able to raise S$1.3 million for the 20 beneficiaries of the gala concert.

Lani and company overshot the initial target of $1 million for the grand fund-raising event.

Lani was also accorded star treatment and was billeted at the top floor of Swissotel. Before the show, Lani had an audience with Singapore president S.R. Nathan.

Lani wowed the international audience when she sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "I Will Always Love You."

After the show, Lani and the other divas were feted to a sumptuous dinner at the exclusive China Club by Edmund N.S. Tie, chair of the organizing committee, Community Chest Charity Gala 2003.

A day after the show, Lani's heart went out to students of Rainbow School, one of the beneficiaries of the concert. The special school is for 180 autistic kids and those stricken with cerebral palsy.

Accompanying Lani to the school tour was Ken Low, producer of the show, as well as her fellow divas.

Lani is now preparing for her new album with Viva Records and is busy with corporate shows and TV questings.

On TV, Lani is seen regularly on GMA 7's Sunday noontime show, "SOP."

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ALLAN K

FUNNYMAN Allan K. stages his first major concert, "The Big Nose @ The Big Dome," May 16 at Araneta Coliseum.

In connection with the big night, a seach for young Allan K. will be held tomorrow, May 6, starting 4 p.m. at Klownz Comedy Bar, Sunshine Blvd. Plaza along Quezon Avenue, corner Sct. Santiago, Quezon City.

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Applicants must be male, between ages 6 to 7; 11 to 12; and 16 to 18. His looks must be similar to Allan, must know how to sing and perform onstage. Songs preferred are those being rendered in amateur singing contests.

Interested applicants may look for Lito Alejandria.

Diana Zubiri acting ...

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hay."

The actor, who is the unbeatable male endorser in the country, will soon be seen in a new TV commercial for Promac home entertainment, the newest Promac line he will endorse. He started with the Promac electric fans three years ago.

Aga admitted he makes more money from his product endorsements than from making movies. No wonder he limits his big screen appearance to only one movie a year. His next movie is with Sharon for Star Cinema.

For Promac's "Surreal" TV ad launching the home entertainment line, Aga worked for the first time with young commercial director **Sid Maderazo.** The TV ad was shot with high-definition camera and had a budget close to P2 million.

According to Sid, "Surreal" took two months in the making, from the planning to the one-day shoot in a warehouse which was converted into a digital realm by Underground Logic.

"Surreal" used computer graphic images recorded on 3D and a special type of camera that was used in the making of "Star Wars," according to Maderazo, who previously worked for McCann Erickson and did video and TV plugs for ABS-CBN.

"While working on this TV ad, we kept four objectives in mind," says Maderazo. "It should be intrinsic, with a story that should revolve around a product and a star with a strong leverage.

"It should have a simple setup with a dramatic reveal for the product. It should also be visually interesting and unique."

Since Aga started endorsing Promac, executives of the company attest their product sales have increased tremendously.

"From zero market share, Promac has become one of the top 5 players in the audio-video system," says **Gelo Serrano** of Infinite Ideas, publicity arm of Promac.

Lea in L.A.

LEA **Salonga** is now in Los Angeles, after "Flower Drum Song" prematurely ended its run on Broadway last March instead of August. Rather than stay alone in her New York apartment, she flew to L.A. so she could be with her fiancé, **Robert Chien,** whose mom underwent surgery also last March.

Lea is set to start her US concert tour in October, with shows in key cities like New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Honolulu and Los Angeles, before she ties the knot with Robert in December, also in L.A. The wedding was originally set in Hawaii, but the couple later decided to hold it in L.A. so their friends could fly there to witness the ceremony.

Third project

THE P10-MILLION opening day gross of Star Cinema's "Till There Was You," has prompted the film arm of ABS-CBN to plan the third big screen project for **Judy Ann Santos** and **Piolo Pascual** this early.

At this time when local films are experiencing a slump, the huge box office gross of "Till There Was You" is welcome news.

The light romance-drama, directed by **Joyce Bernal,** opened last Wednesday, April 30. The movie is Star Cinema's 10th anniversary offering and is predicted to surpass the first team up of Judy Ann and Piolo, "Bakit 'Di Totohanin?," shown in 2001.

"Till There Was You" comes on the heels of the widely-followed Judy Ann-Piolo soap series, "Sa Puso Ko Iingatan Ka," which concluded early this year.

Star Cinema assures fans that a third screen project with the young box office loveteam is now being hatched.

R&B PRINCESS. Kyla comes out with her third album.

Ogie, Janno, Rhada write for Kyla's CD

SHOW TIME

FRESH from her successful two-night major solo concert at the Music Museum, with guests Regine Velasquez, Ogie Alcasid, Luke Mejares, Rhada and Karylle, Kyla has proven her worth as the most promising female concert artist in the music arena.

Since EMI Music's jewel exploded into the scene via the commercial and critical hit "Hanggang Ngayon," Kyla has been stealing thunder after thunder right under the noses of her contemporaries.

In 2001, Kyla won the two most coveted trophies (best new artist and video of the year) in the MTV Pilipinas Awards. This was followed by an unprecedented sweep of Awit Awards (six nabs in all) a few months later.

Next came citations as Breakthrough Artist of the Year from trend-setting FM radio stations Magic 89.9 and Monster Radio RX 93.1, where "Hanggang Ngayon" ruled the charts for weeks.

By this time, too, Kyla had already figured in the top three best female artist poll of a popular magazine—the only newcomer right smack between industry veterans Regine Velasquez and Lea Salonga.

Kyla also clinched the grand prize in the annual "Himig Handog" tilt that year.

In 2002, Kyla released her sophomore album that saw sales figure rocket past the roof. Much of the credit belongs to "I Feel for You," Kyla's second major smash that steam-rolled up the charts elbowing past the singles of Janet Jackson and Mariah Carey.

Kyla got into the roster of hosts of GMA 7's Sunday noontime variety show, "SOP," before the end of 2002.

Kyla jumpstarted 2003 by receiving awards again from Magic 89.9 and Monster Radio RX 93.1. This time, it was for female artist of the year.

Kyla was also invited to perform at this year's MTV Asia Awards with popular boy band Blue.

Kyla recently released her third CD, with songs like "Naghihintay Lamang" written by Janno Gibbs, "Walang Iba" by Arnie Mendaros, "Feels So Good" by Rhada, "Always On Time" by Jonathan Manalo and the first single, "I Will Be There," by Ogie Alcasid.

The new album also contains Kyla's duet with international boy band Blue ("Flexin'") and a remake of Gary Valenciano's "Sana Maulit Muli."

Jamir Garcia of Slapshock penned four tracks—"I Will Find You," "Love To Hate," "Bounce" and "Let You Go."

DID YOU KNOW...

ZSA ZSA Padilla's daughter, **Karylle,** is not really choosy when it comes to dining. She was seen hanging out at the Greenbelt 3 fastfood with non-show biz friends.

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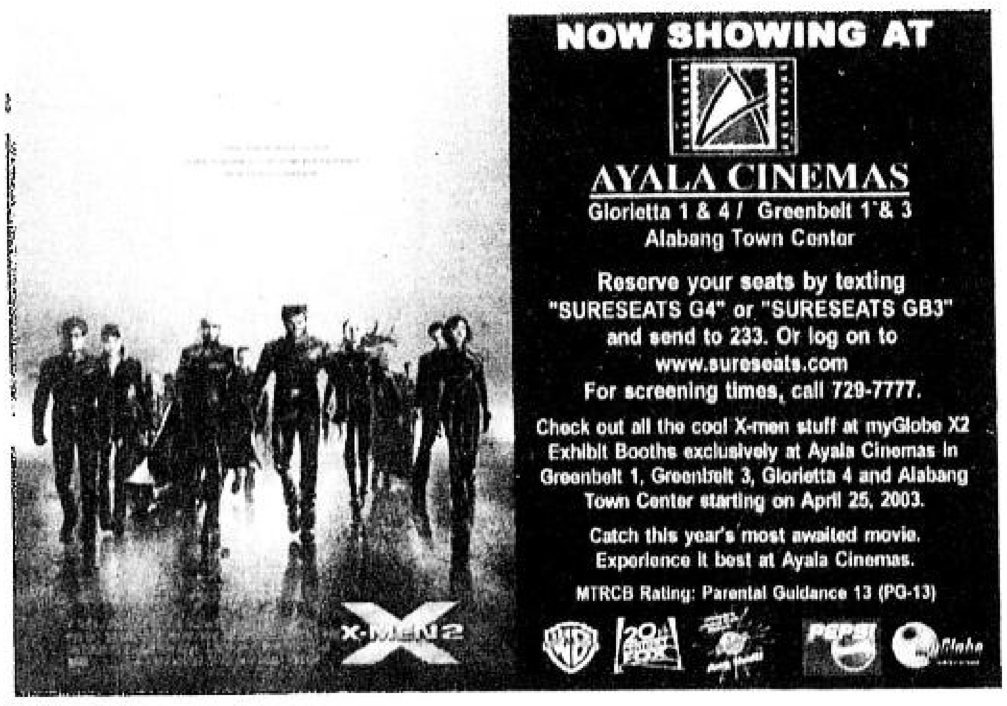

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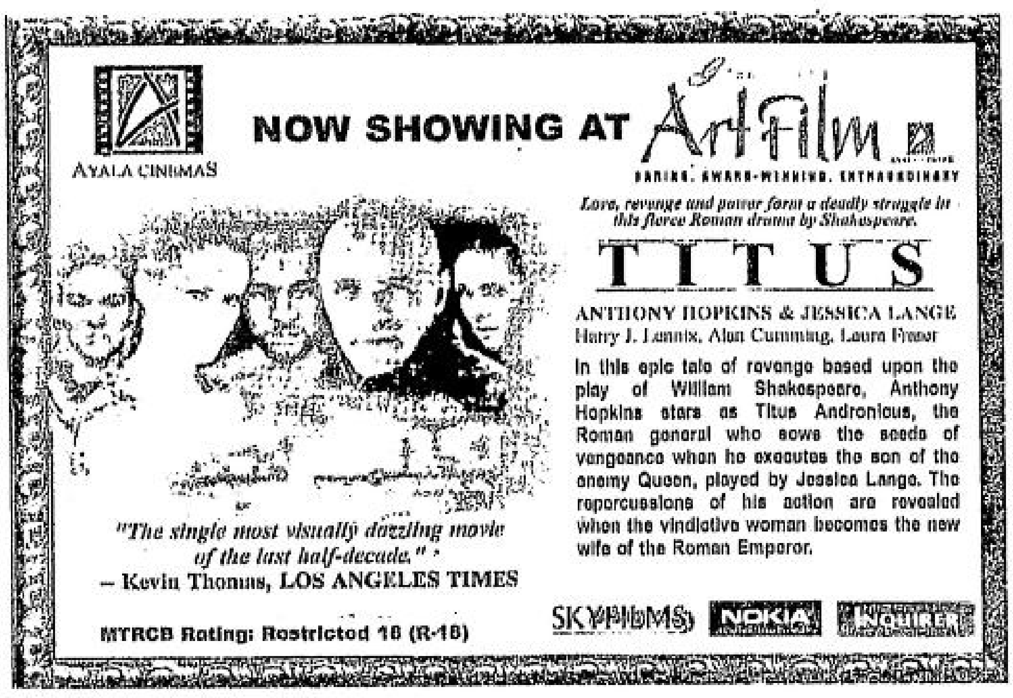

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OGIE DA POGI. He "feels clean" when he wears his favorite white shirt.

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Ogie puts his best shoes forward

By Marinel R. Cruz

OUT OF THE CLOSET

SINGER and hitmaker Ogie Alcasid confesses that he has a shoe "fetish."

He says he spends on footwear almost as much as he does on the top-of-the-line Korg Karma and Trinity keyboards and Mac Powerbook in his home studio.

"I've probably bought more than 70 pairs of shoes in my lifetime" Ogie tells INQUIRER Entertainment at his home in Libis, Quezon City. His wife, 1994 Miss Australia Michelle Van Eimeren, and their daughters Leila and Sarah are currently in Australia.

"I believe picking the right pair of shoes is as important as picking the right shirt," explains the guy who composed "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang," one of the biggest OPM hits in recent memory. "I also think that how a person takes care of his shoes reflects how concerned he is for his whole being."

As a regular host of the Sunday noontime variety show "SOP" on GMA 7, Ogie says he is sometimes required to do as much as five costume changes per program. He seldom shops, but when he does, it is mostly to buy shoes.

"I'm a shoe kind of guy," he says. Thus, when he lets his "secrets" out of the closet during the INQUIRER visit, he has more to say about his pairs of shoes than about his roomful of shirts, pants and suits.

"I love shoes but I'm not very sentimental about them," he says. "A lot of them I've already given away."

What he is sentimental about are the toys he keeps in an antique cabinet that came from his grandfather. He has been collecting pricey original action figures for three years now, although most of them are still in their original boxes.

These are what we found in Ogie's closet:

Most prized possessions. "Toys that are mostly from 'Star Wars.' I also have a lot of robots like Voltes V and Bandai, which have never been opened. They're really vintage and original. I even have life-size Darth Maul and Yoga action figures. I kind of lost all my toys while I was growing up so I wanted to rebuild them. But I'm not too obsessed as I was three years ago."

Favorite casual shoes. "These black Kenneth Cole shoes go with denim, khakis and chinos. I never wore these to any of my shows. They're just my casual, everyday shoes."

Favorite *pa*-cute shoes. "These are from Diesel. They are bowling-inspired retro leather shoes with two-toned suede accents and nylon stripes. People always say, 'Wow, Ogie, I like your shoes!' whenever I wear them."

Favorite concert shoes. "I bought these in Spain. They're size 7½. They look classy. I also wear them in weddings (laughs)."

Multi-purpose shoes. "These are from Adidas, which sponsors my shoes. They're nice if paired with jeans and T-shirts. Very GQ-looking. You can also wear them for hiking."

Favorite short-sleeved shirt. "This white Folded and Hung shirt. It's easy to wear with shorts or khaki pants. You look clean when you wear white."

Most frequently used shirts. "Aside from white, I also wear black when I don't feel too confident. It makes me look slim. A red shirt is also good. Why? Because it gives me energy, especially if I have a concert at night."

Favorite long sleeves. "I've always liked this yd. shirt because it looks like a Paul Smith. It looks expensive but it's not. I bought this from my favorite shop in Australia."

Suits. "I used to have a whole bunch when I was still hosting 'Family Feud.' Now I limit them to suits that I use for concerts. They are suits that you can use without neckties. They are more stylized."

Favorite suit. "This is made by Randy Ortiz, my favorite designer. It's corduroy. It looks very elegant. I also have a black version of this suit.".

Favorite jeans. "This pair is from Lee. I bought this in Australia last Christmas. It's the bootleg, hipster-type. I love it because it makes me look taller. Every time I wear it, *panalo. Kailangan lang hindi ka mataba*, because it's really really tight."

Ogie shirts. "They're shirts that have accents like this one which I wore at the MTV Asia

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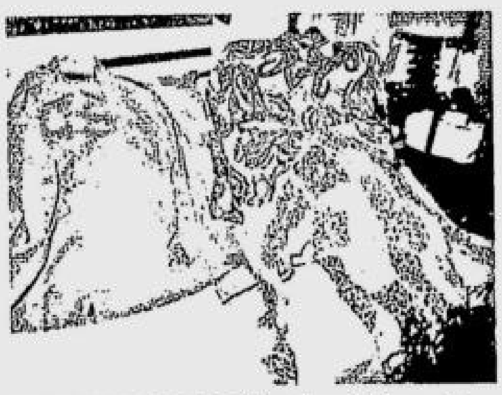

BOHEMIAN LOOK. Shirts bought from his favorite shop in Australia.

JEAN JUNKIE. The pair that makes Ogie "look taller."

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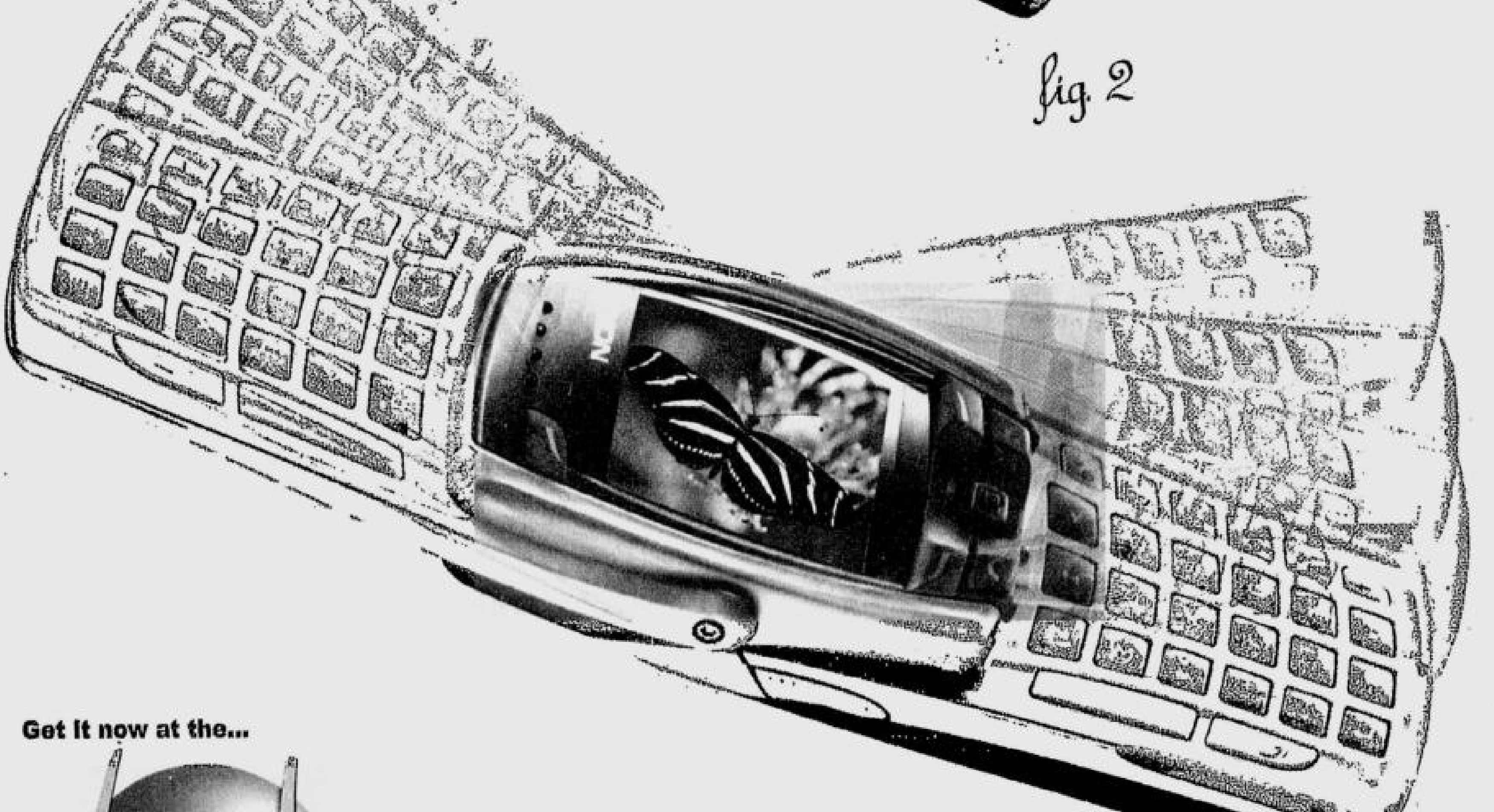

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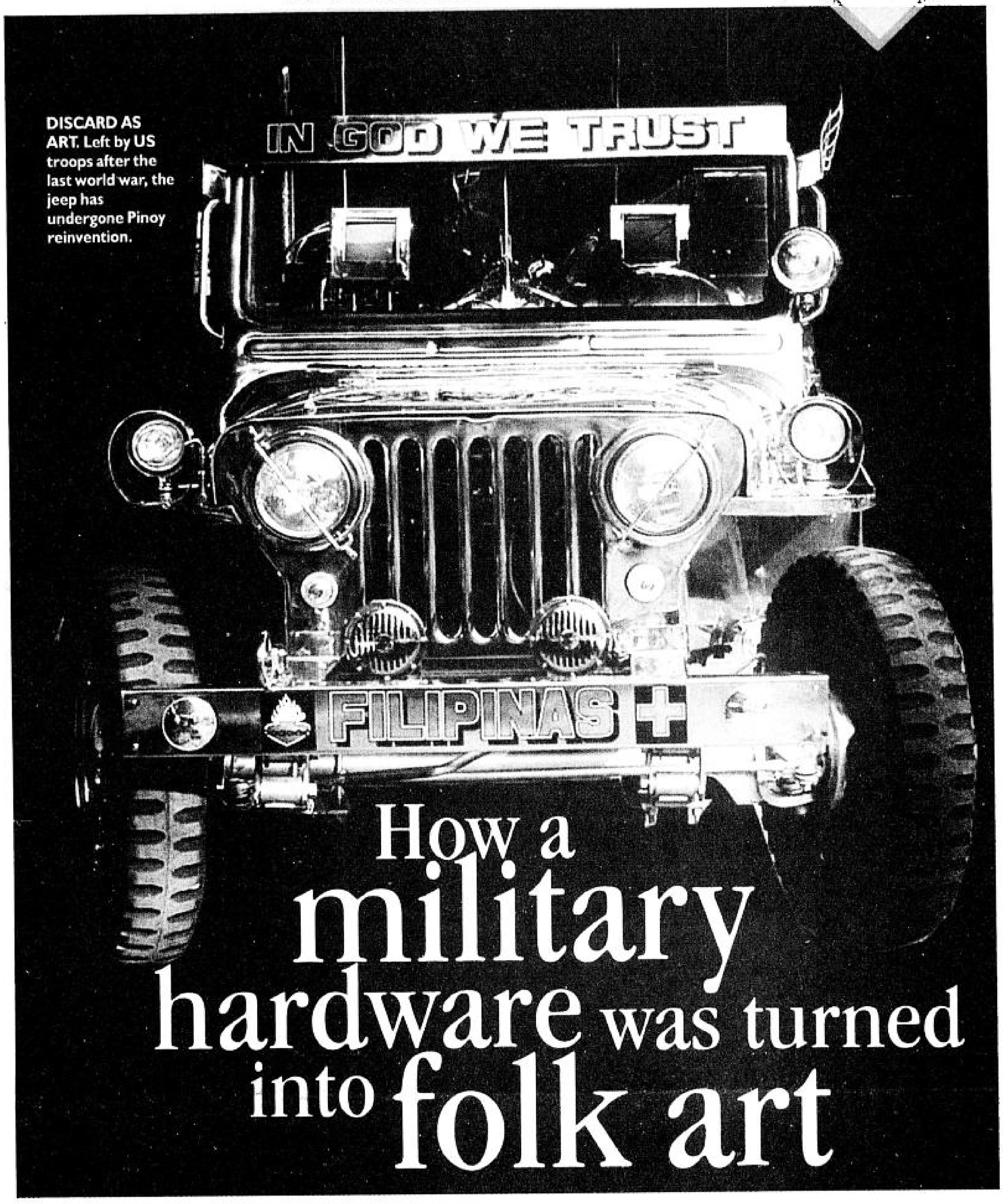

DISCARD AS ART. Left by US troops after the last world war, the jeep has undergone Pinoy reinvention.

How a military hardware was turned into folk art

By Constantino C. Tejero

A ONE-TON object from the Philippines is now being shipped to Europe—1,000 kg of metal, fiberglass and rubber fashioned into a gleaming artwork by Alfredo Juan and Ma. Isabel Gaudinez Aquilizan.

This handiwork of the husband-and-wife team of artists is our entry to the 50th International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennial. Shipped on April 8, it would take 37 days to reach its destination, there to be installed in the Arsenàle of Venice.

La Biennale di Venezia, considered the most prestigious and highly esteemed art exhibition in the world, runs on June 14-Nov. 2. It is celebrating its centennial with the theme "Dreams and Conflicts—The Viewer's Dictatorship." The Aquilizans' artwork would be displayed in the section Z.O.U. (Zone of Urgency).

The last time Filipino artists exhibited in this "exhibition of exhibitions" was in 1964, when Napoleon Abueva and José Joya sent their artworks upon invitation to the Philippine art establishment to participate. This time the Aquilizans received a personal invitation last December from the Biennale director himself, Francesco Bonami.

"*Maliit lang kasi ang* circle *na 'to,*" Aquilizan says by way of explaining the selection process. "There are only about 10 Filipino artists who exhibit abroad. Of those from other countries who've also been invited to Venice, six artists *nakasama ko* in exhibitions. We see each other from one venue to another. So this will just be like a reunion."

He credits his wife for coming up with the idea of the artwork. "Actually *ang* concept *galing kay* Isabel. At first we thought of the pedicab *na naglalako.* Also the oxcart, that one from the province peddling goods in the streets—*pero pawala na rin 'yan sa* streets *ng* Manila."

Until they decided on the jeepney.

This was originally an American military vehicle used during World War II, until Filipino ingenuity transformed it into something else—a sort of bring-house car. Known then as AC (for "autocalesa"), it has since become a Filipino cultural icon reflective of the national identity, including our racial psychology and religion.

Its origin in the war dovetails with the Biennale's theme, in the wake of 9/11 and through the war in Iraq.

"You know, it's interesting, because this was actually a discard of the Americans," says Aquilizan. "They didn't know what to do with it after the war. Instead of *bayaran tayo* [for reparation], *iniwan na lang ang basura nila rito.* So then they had an assured market for spare parts."

Tension and irony

The couple shopped around for materials and a workshop, from San Pablo City to Biñan and Imus, to numerous small towns of Cavite (a province famous for assembling jeepneys). They just happened to pass by the place and chose Lem-J Motors Trading Phils., a small machine shop on Emilio Aguinaldo Highway in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

The collaborative project took three months to finish, from research to actual production. What has come out is a multimedia artwork, involving all at once the visual and performing arts, literature, music, film, sculpture, installation, light and sound.

"Our kind of art-making is more on the material and how it relates to idea," says Aquilizan. "*Walang* boundaries. Sometimes we use our bodies *kung 'yun ang hinihingi ng* exhibit. I don't believe in limiting yourself to one medium... This piece shows my interest in form and shape, texture. But for me the process of creation is more important than the artwork itself. In this case, for instance, as this is a collaborative work, how we interacted with the craftsmen who worked with us is more important than the result

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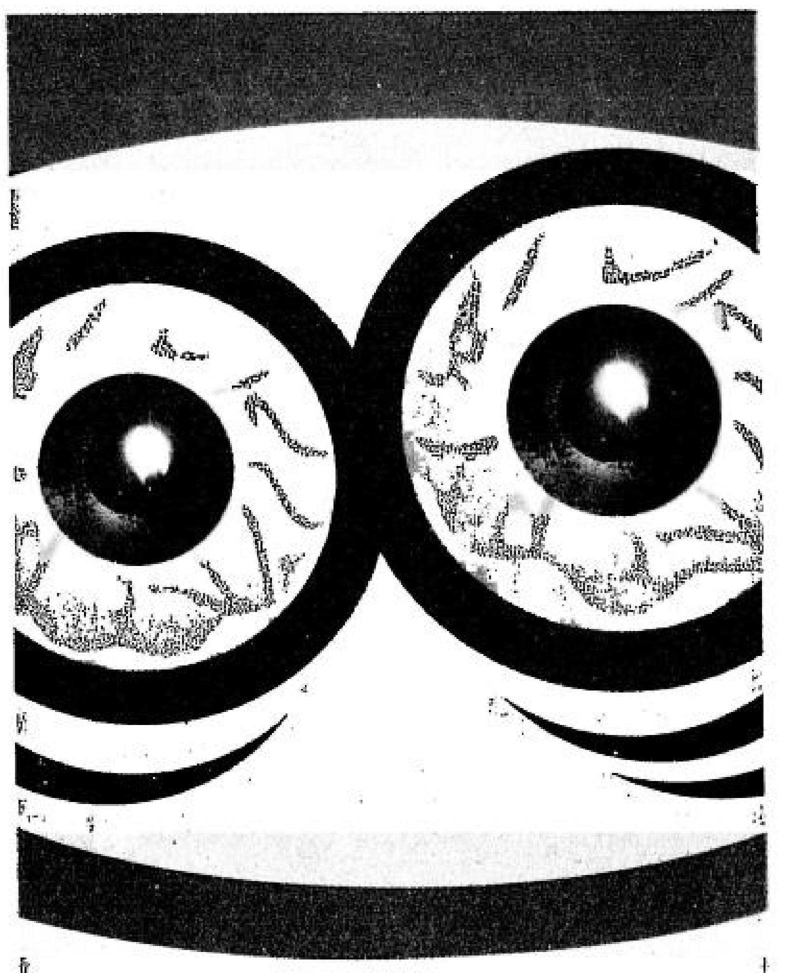
The jeepney is set to invade the La Biennale di Venezia art festival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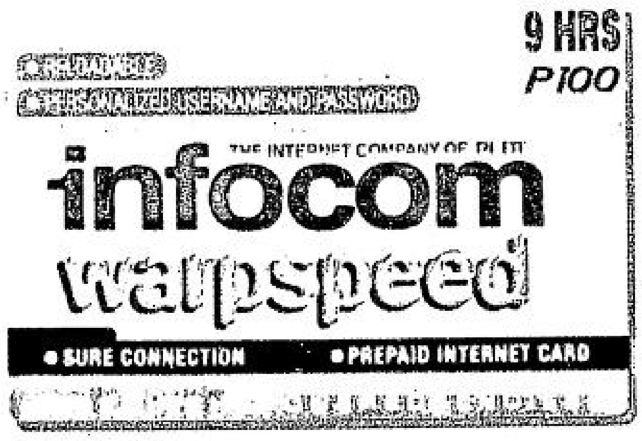

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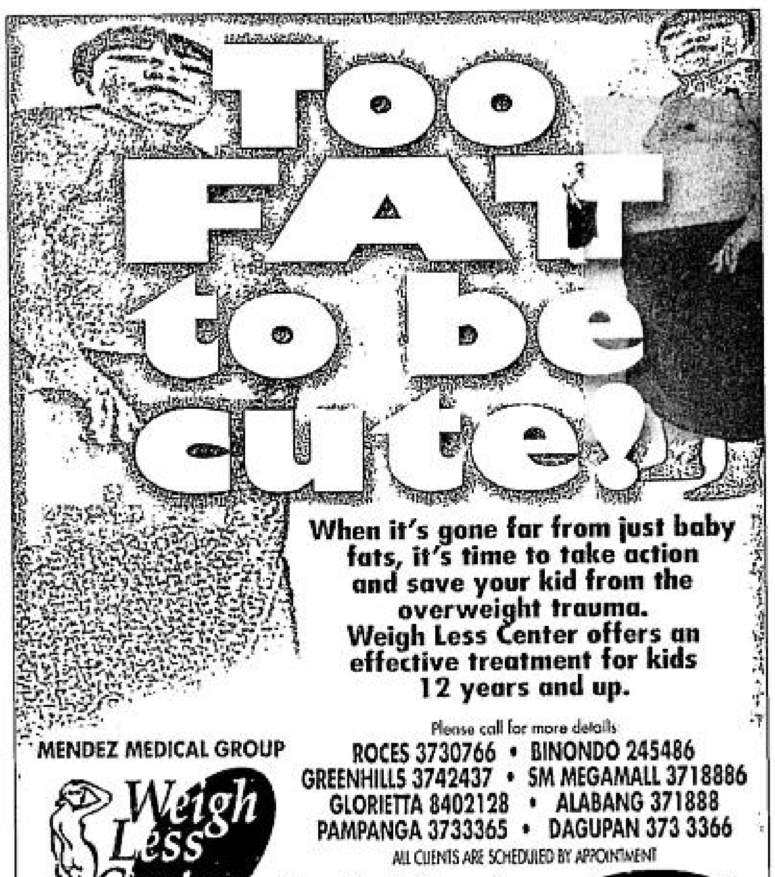
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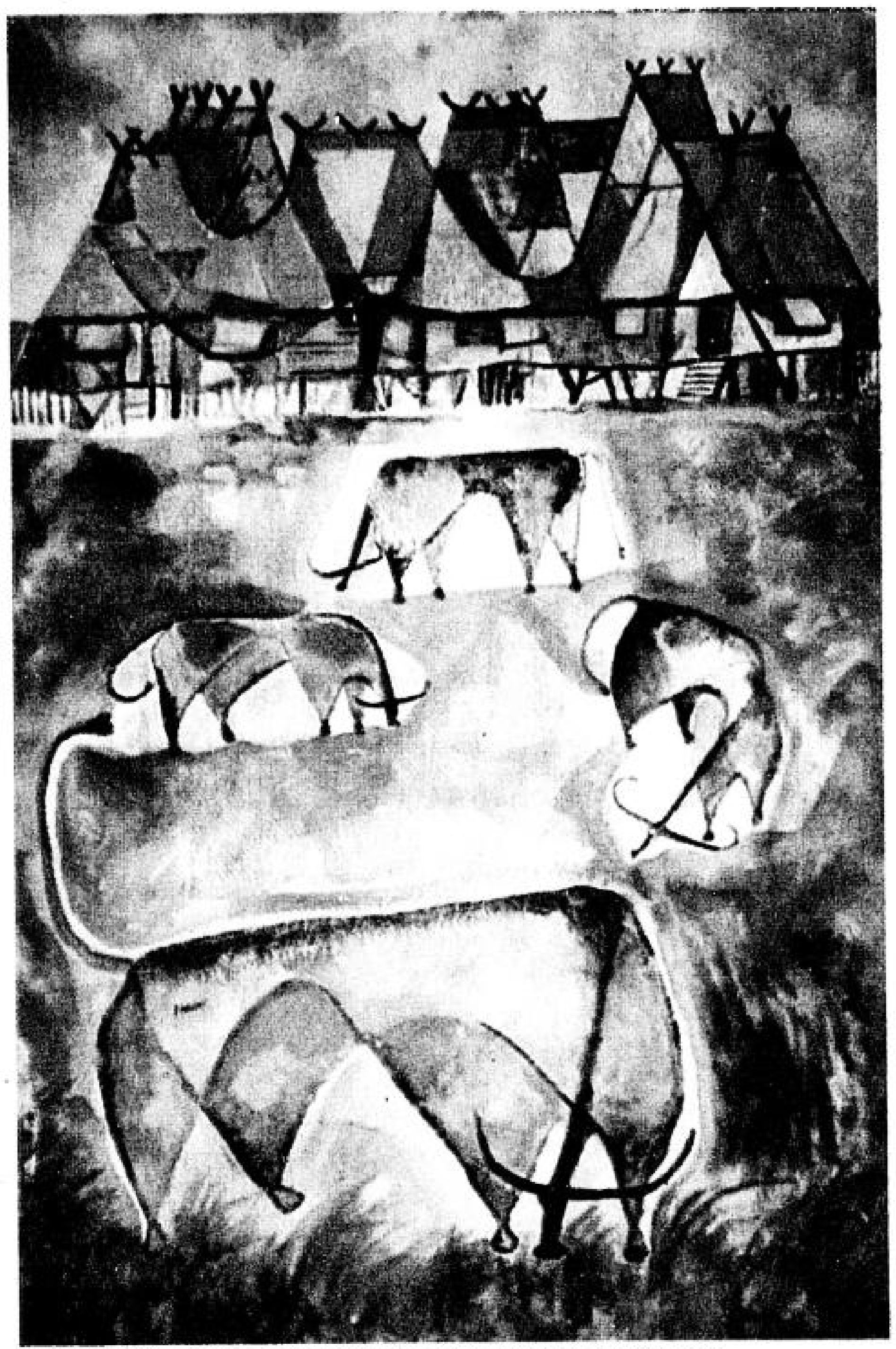
Modernist leader Jose Pardo remembered in rare exhibit


"CARABAOS and Houses," watercolor and gouache on paper (1955)

THE ATENEO Gallery is holding the important exhibit, "Jose Pardo: In Line with Modernism," until May 30.

Pardo belonged to the first generation of Modernists in the Philippines and was included in the famous "13 Moderns." An architect by profession, he became a student of the Modernist vanguard and National Artist Victorio Edades at the University of Santo Tomas.

Together with Edades, Pardo introduced the avant garde in Philippine art and challenged the conservative style of the so-called Amorsolo-Tolentino school, the dominant artistic tendency of the rival art school UP.

As if to signal the birth of a new era in Philippine art, Pardo's "Pulubi" won first prize in the watercolor category of the Art Association of the Philippines (AAP) annual contest.

The exhibit features works from the 1940s and 1950s, when Pardo experimented with the pictorial approach.

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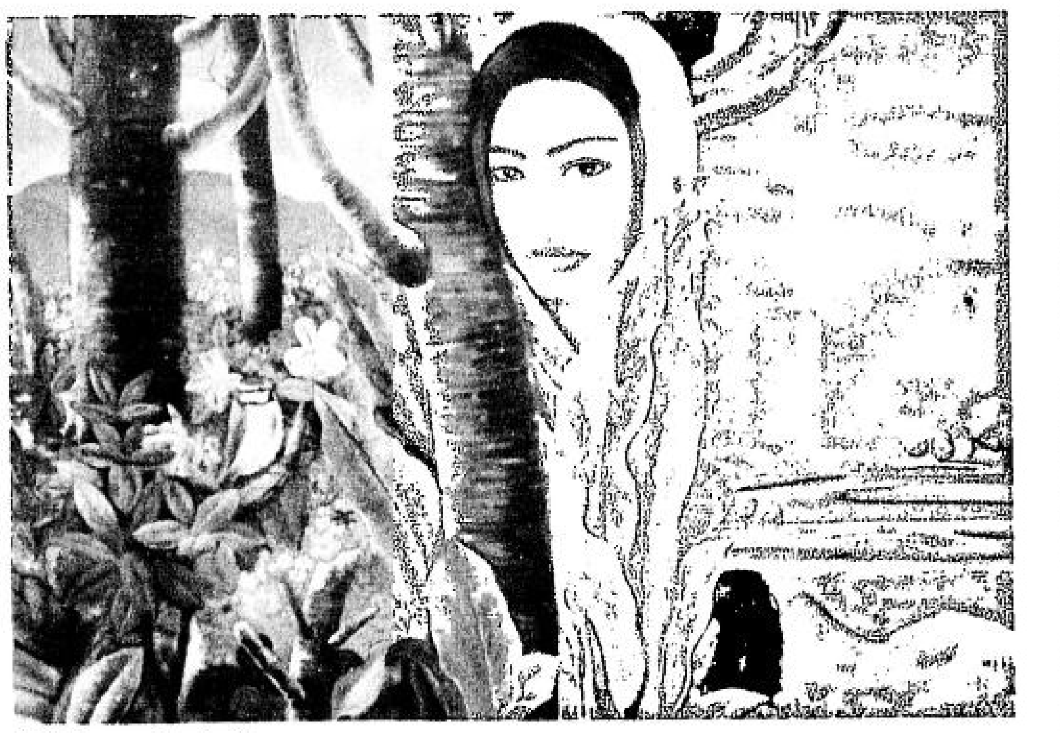

"SA Puso ng Paraiso"

The colors of Edwin Tres Reyes

By Karina Baluyut
Contributor

"WHAT is modern in art," the noted English art historian and professor Charles Harrison once wrote, is that which is associated "with a breakdown of the traditional decorum in Western culture that previously connected the appearance of works of art to the appearance of the natural world."

The typical symptom of this breakdown are "a tendency for the shapes, colors and materials of art to lead a life of their own, forming unusual combinations, offering distorted or exaggerated versions of the appearances of nature and, in some cases, losing all obvious connection to the ordinary objects of our visual experience."

This is exactly the world that Edwin Tres Reyes, the former art director of Ammirati Puris Lintas, one of Manila's largest multinational advertising agencies, takes us to.

In the 24 works exhibited, Tres Reyes shows what he is capable of in his newfound career as a full-time artist at San Juan's Galerie Joaquin (371 P. Guevarra St. corner Montessori Lane, Addition Hills, San Juan, tel. 723-9253).

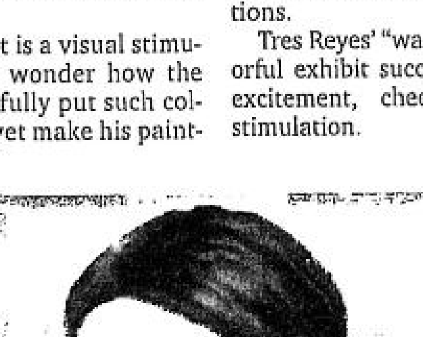
In the show, "Playgrounds of Color," which runs until May 15, Reyes has succeeded in presenting a profound sensory experience of warm and sensuous colors that are exciting to the imagination.

His palette undeniably expounds on what he sees as "true" sensations, whether these be the shimmering royal blue waters of his lakes and streams or the ribbony reds, blues and greens of hills and plains, or the rainbow colors of forests serving as a potent background, to the foaming sprays of lively, cascading waterfalls.

Surreal world

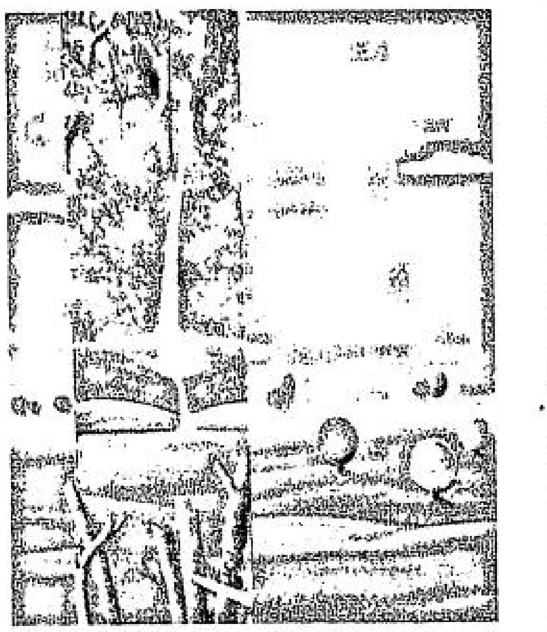
Reyes' "truth" is a surreal world of orange, green, red, blue or yellow skies, oscillating stars with radiant maidens lighted by far distant moons, while his plants are afire with an original blend of primary colors.

Indeed, "Playgrounds of Color" shows how the artist has risen to the challenge of using strong, intense colors without resulting in offensively pungent paintings.


"SERENE Land II"

"Inner Beauty" is an eye-catcher because the girl in the center of the painting is at once mysterious, alluring, classically beautiful with almost ethereal qualities. Yet, she remains Asian-looking.

Curatorially, the exhibit is a visual stimulant, making the viewer wonder how the artist was able to successfully put such colors on such subjects and yet make his painting successful. One is at once tempted and seduced by Tres Reyes' world, wanting to almost zap oneself into his landscape.


"DROP of Silence"

Among the visually outstanding works are "Drop of Silence," where an animated waterfall falling on a verdant lake, which cascades into an azure yet smaller lake, is backdropped by colors of fall. Raspberry trees, or what Reyes refers to as "lollipop" trees, dot the landscape.

"The Enchanted Island" is magical with its cadmium red beachfront and kaleidoscopic trees.

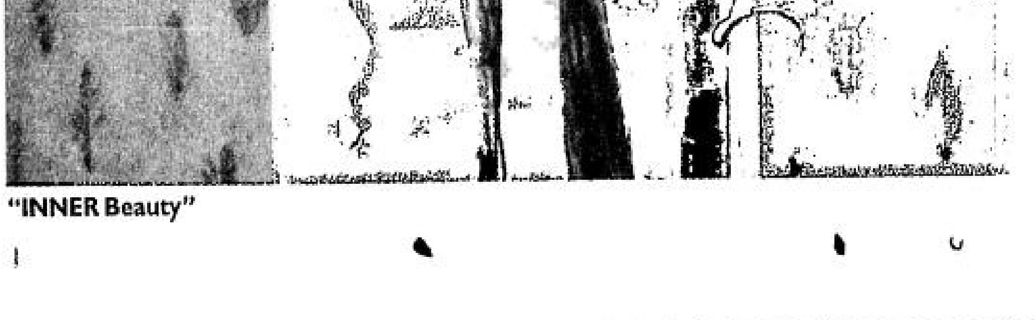
"Serene Land" is explosive in its silence, with its cobalt and cerulean skies hovering quietly over his ribbony hills.

Reyes' landscapes show the inspiration he has derived from surrealist artists Raul Letajo and Prudencio Lamarozza.

"An Evening Scent of the Roses" and "Sa Puso ng Paraiso" are among the standouts in the figurative works. Clearly, they show the influence of Hermes Alegre and Dominic Rubio.

As aptly pointed out in Reyes' catalogue, color is one of the most important factors that affect our daily lives. Color induces aesthetic and psychological responses so that through the past centuries, it has influenced art, fashion, trade and commerce as well as encouraged physical and emotional human sensations.

Tres Reyes' "warm" and visually highly colorful exhibit succeed in evoking feelings of excitement, cheerfulness, animation and stimulation.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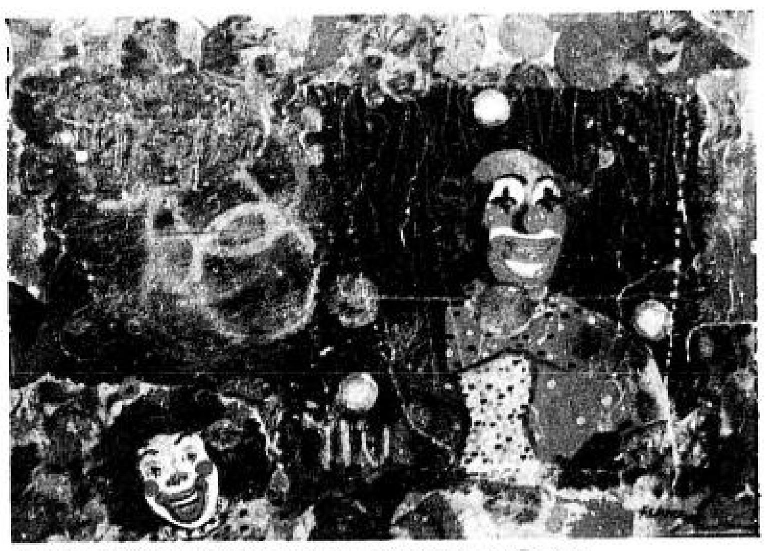

"BULACAN Fiesta," by Al Perez, at the Heart Center

"IHOM Kite," mixed media on paper, by J. Palencia, at the Drawing Room

Custodio and 'peace' artists at Le Soufflé, Palencia at Drawing Room, Barrioquinto at West

GEO Arts Phils. presents "Arts Passion for Peace" at Le Soufflé, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, until May 24. This audio-visual art exhibit combines the artistry of Guy Custodio, Victor Wood, Ted Camahalan and Luz Verceles Dadivas in a rare show of over 50 paintings. Call 681-3260 or (0919) 551-4267.

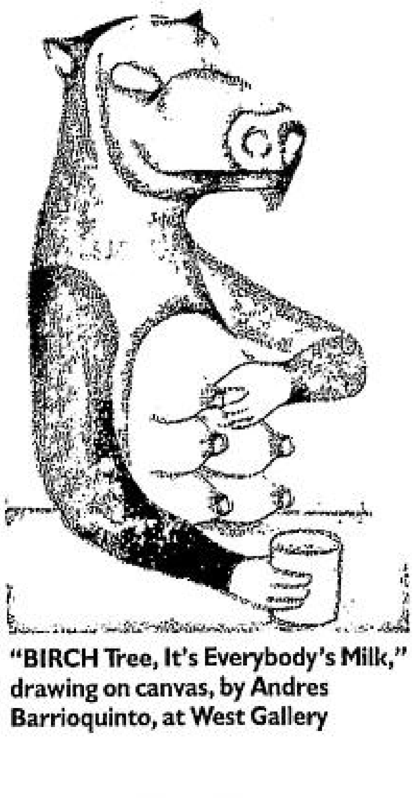
THE DRAWING Room presents Joaquin Palencia and Troy Ignacio in two separate solo shows until May 14.

JPalencia shows his recent collages, which echoes images of "kites."

VISUAL ARTS

Troy Ignacio holds his first one-man show with works on paper done in black and white. The blurred abstracted images are essentially minute details of a bigger picture. The Drawing Room is at G/F Metrostar Bldg., 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City. Call 897-7877/6990.

AWARD-WINNING young artist Andres Barrioquinto employs creative license to express his feelings about art and commerce in "Fhamventa Hezpesyal," a show of works in oil, pastel and pencil, which opens at the West Gallery in Glorietta 4, Ayala Center on May 8 and runs until the 20th. Barrioquinto received the Metrobank prize and the Benavidez Award twice at the UST College of Fine Arts and Design, where he finished painting. He is the first Filipino to win a prize at the International Biennial Print and Drawing Exhibition in Taipei in 1999.


"BIRCH Tree, It's Everybody's Milk," drawing on canvas, by Andres Barrioquinto, at West Gallery

"BLACK Box," by Roldan Ventura, at Big & Small

LAKAN Sining ng Bulacan is holding an exhibit in celebration of first Bulacan Art Festival 2003 at the gallery of the Philippine Heart Center in Quezon City until May 10. Participating artists include Jose Joya, Malang, Al Perez, Raul Isidro, Fil Delacruz, Philip Victor, Fred Villanueva, Soller, Jose Marasigan, Ben Francisco, Danny Pangan, Rudolf Gonzales, Godofredo Reyes, Salvador Ching, Willie Reyes, Joey Angeleş, Ramon Hilario, Jess Gellada, Nilo Badajos, Mario Santiago Tat's Villanueva, Wilfredo Offee Maria, Aris Bagtas, Ernie Velasquez, Cesar Cruz Mike Danganan, Andrew De Guzman, Jose Caoili, C.J. De Silva, Nap Trono, Eric Marquez, Mon Castillo, Cris Velasco, Nestor Villanueva, Eric Marquez, Cris, Pasco, Rey Salamat Edmon Samonte, Sony Ynuguez, Jun Alvarez June Delos Santos, Nemy Macapugay, Gleff Victor, Jes Santos, Marvin Samonte, Romeo Forbes,. Roen Capule, Julius Limpe, Marivic Formoso Cris Rebutiaco and Janet Simeon.

CHRIST the King parish in Greenmeadows, Quezon City, and the Positivism Art Gallery will conduct an art workshop for children 3-12 years old and 13 and above starting May 8. The workshop will be conducted by positivism exponent and painter E.R. Tagle at the Formation Center, Christ the King Parish, 3-5 p.m. The workshop will focus on portraiture, caricature, fashions and figure illustrations and landscape paintings. Call 899-6358 and (0917) 972-6223.

PARKER Encisa, Rodel Garcia, and Roldan Ventura will hold an exhibit entitled "Realistic" at Big & Small Art Co. in SM Megamall, May 7-19. Encisa, Garcia, and Ventura's images in different mediums represent what they feel about the world today. Big & Small Art Co. is at the 4/L Building A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Call 687-7425.

How a military hardware was turned into folk art

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ing artwork."

It is a reconstruction of the original military vehicle, with stainless-steel body and chrome-plated accessories, flashy and replete with designs and motifs. It is adorned with decals of religious images and biblical sayings, cut out in black and white stickers. (The irony and tension from the juxtaposition of war and religion can hardly be missed.)

A decal-maker from San Pablo did the embellishing in one week. At the rear is spelled out *M20* (the vehicle's model) instead of the plate number. *US, X* and the "Jesus Christ Superstar" logo of two angels with wings forming an arch are on the gasoline tank.

On the metal protective covering of the tire reserve are the passage "It is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves," a cross, the two-triangle symbol of the Devil, the fish symbol of Jesus, radial lines, the dove with a laurel leaf—obviously illustrating the battle of good and evil, war and peace.

The rear is equipped with a long antenna. The exhaust pipe is installed upright like a smokestack, as it is in a military vehicle so water won't seep in when it traverses rugged terrain.

On the left side are the passages "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins" and "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Then more decals: *Lk 23:43*; the Sacred Heart aflame and entwined with thorns, and a cross.

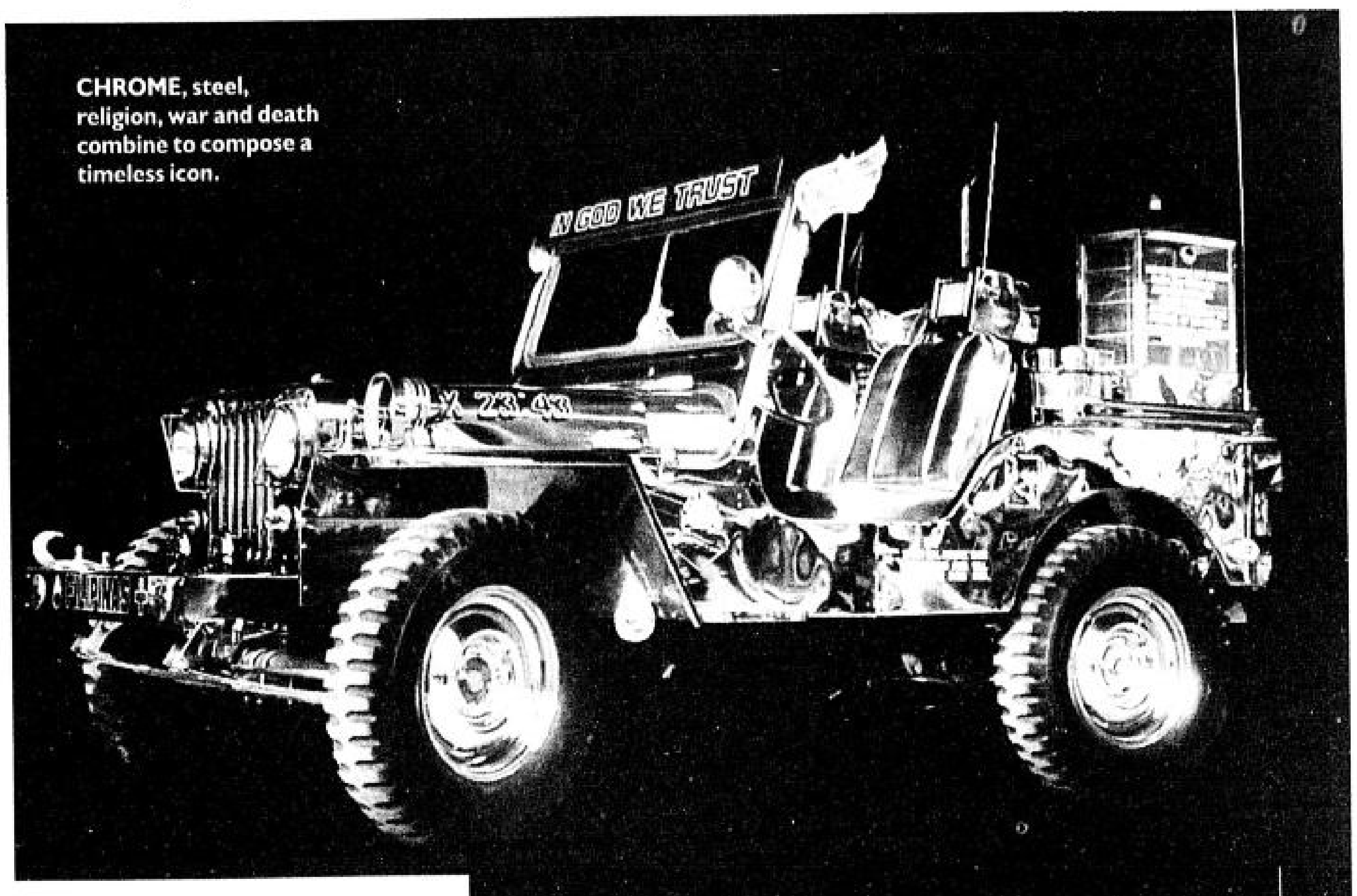
The right side is virtually unadorned except for the same image of the Sacred Heart.

On both sides, on the upper corners of the windshield, are metal-sheet cutouts formed like wings of angel or Mercury, maybe for speed or guidance.

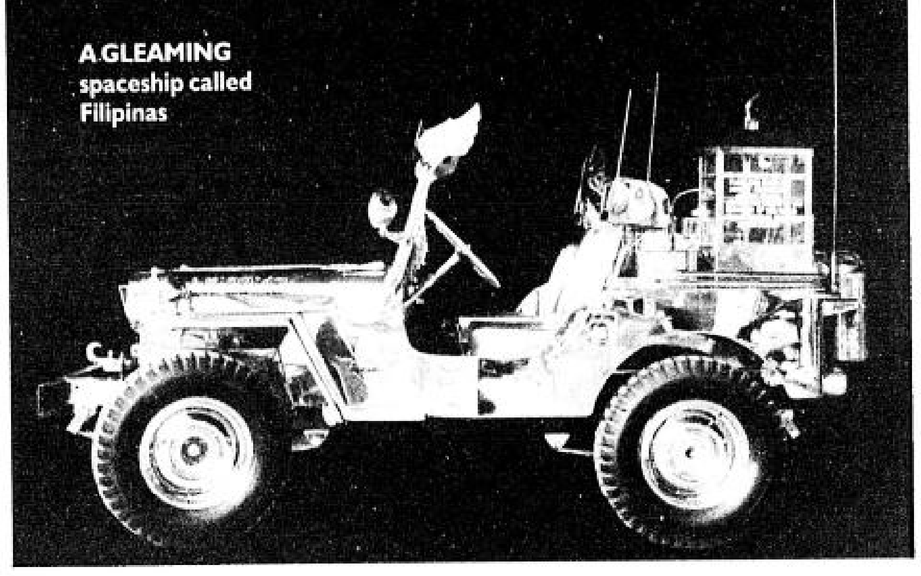
In front, above the windshield, is the ubiquitous jeepney saying: "In God we trust." The windshield is of safety-laminated fiberglass.

The bumper is fixed with an anchor fluke and adorned with decals of the Sacred Heart and the name *Filipinas*.

A stainless-steel ax, with "It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord" and *Ex 14:30*, is placed on the hood. An Op Art image of Christ's suffering face is all over the hood.



CHROME, steel, religion, war and death combine to compose a timeless icon.



A GLEAMING spaceship called Filipinas

Artwork or vehicle

Inside, in front, are seats with upholstery of silver lamé. On the dashboard are a glass holder and a small altarpiece assembled from cut metal sheet, springs, forks, nuts and bolts, with a tiny silver Sto. Niño—a rococo piece that sculptor Lirio Salvador created in one week.

Each seat is installed with a small square video monitor above the backrest, set to screen a documentary on Manila street scenes.

At the foot of the right seat is the Sacred Heart and the passage "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under my feet."

At the back are bundled household tools and utensils, all of stainless steel, which the Aquilizans bought in San Pablo. These include a dish rack, a gridiron, coffee mug, water pitcher, straw canister, tissue holder, five chocolate cups, two jars for *sago't gulaman* and juice with the injunction "Love your enemies," various cylinders containing ladles and forks, a grater, a shovel, even, improbably, a *siopao* steamer.

"With the text, the function of the object changes," says Aquilizan.

An innocent garden tool such as a spade, for instance, becomes a weapon of war with the affixing of a biblical injunction. Or it looks like a bishop's miter when placed upended behind the driver's seat.

Tucked in places are strobe bulbs emitting a hot blue light to make the vehicle pulsate.

Aquilizan says they intended to equip it with a sensor that, when touched, would have simultaneously turned on the lighting accessories and triggered the playing of a Filipino marching band. Also, the chassis would have been concealed by stainless steel.

"Pero di kaya ng budget," he smiles.

They have spent almost half a million pesos on production. They got funding through the help of Silvana Ancellotti Diaz, art director of Galleria Duemila and former chair of the NCCA Committee on Art Galleries.

Donors include Rep. Aniceto Saludo Jr. of Southern Leyte; Alliance Française de Manille; Galleria Duemila; Laya, Mananghaya & Co.; the National Commission for Culture and the Arts; the Philippine-Italian Association; Stores Specialists; and The Drawing Room.

Except for the Leyte congressman, none of our politicos and government officials, nor the big businessmen, big corporations and multinationals, donated even P3,000 to cover the cost of the sensor. Apparently culture for them is not a priority, or they don't have any clue as to the implication of being invited to the Biennale.

Government should have been the biggest donor, as it is usually the fastest grabber of any such honors brought upon the country—but, no dice. (At least, the NCCA is shouldering the costs of the catalog and the artists' air fare and lodging when they go to Venice, and it will provide the video documentary on the streets of Manila.)

Before its shipment, the Aquilizans had their work registered with the Land Transportation Office, not as artwork but as vehicle. Because it really is a vehicle, functional, overdecorated but operational.

The Aquilizans keep it all agleam at all times by cleaning it only with a piece of linen and some *gawgaw* for a shinier sheen (again, Filipino ingenuity at work).

It will be a strange object to foreigners, a weird hybrid, when displayed even in the glitzy Venice Biennial, the Cannes Film Festival of the art world. And when its light pulsates, it may even look like a spaceship named Filipinas.

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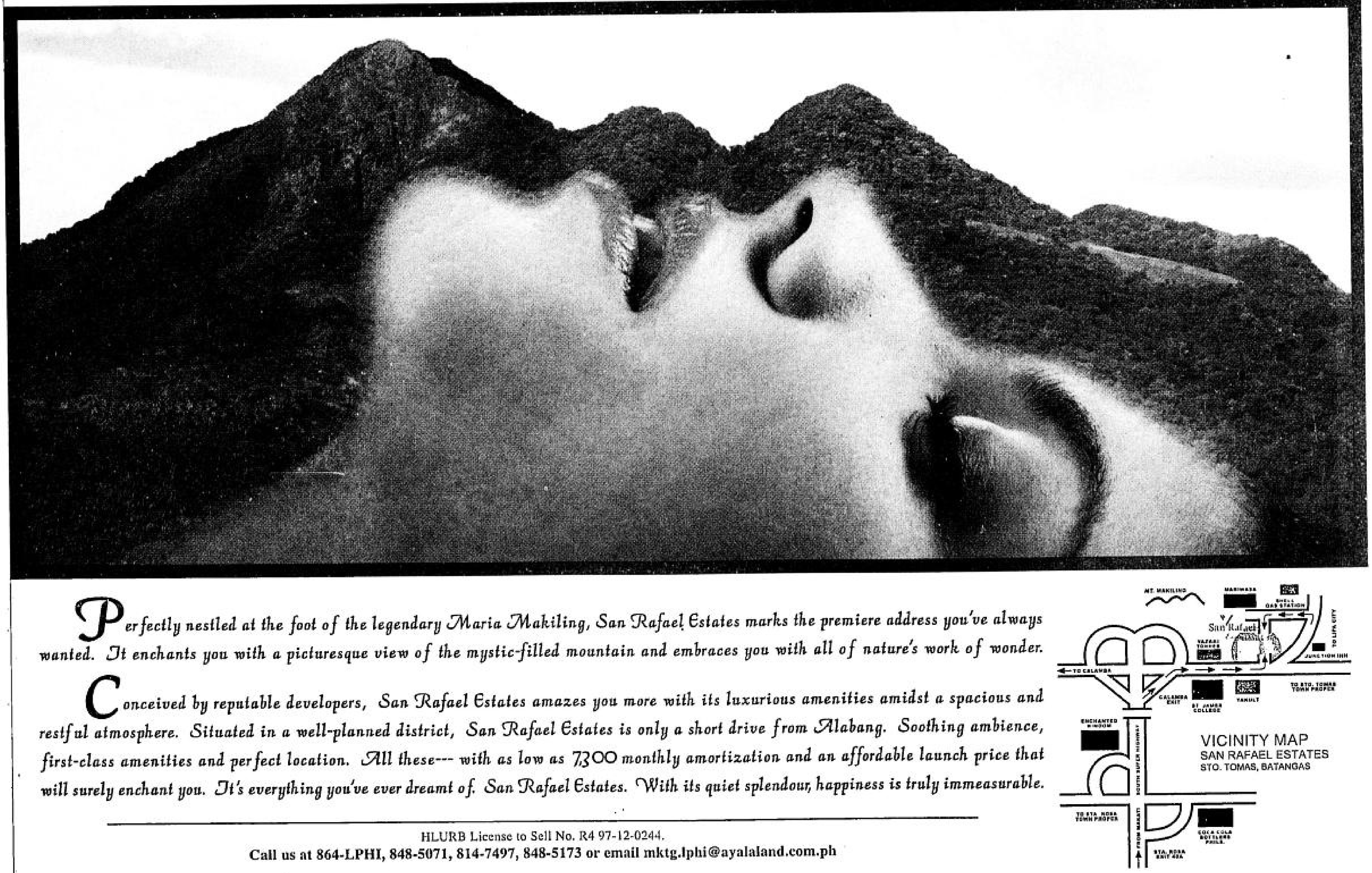

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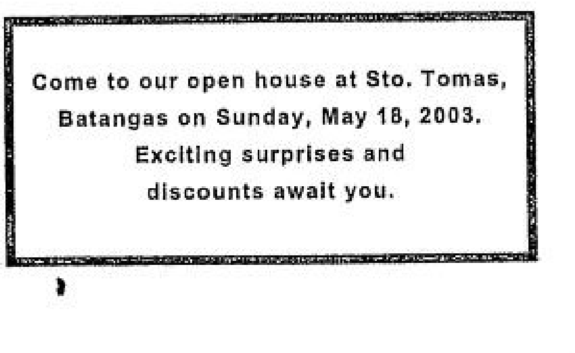

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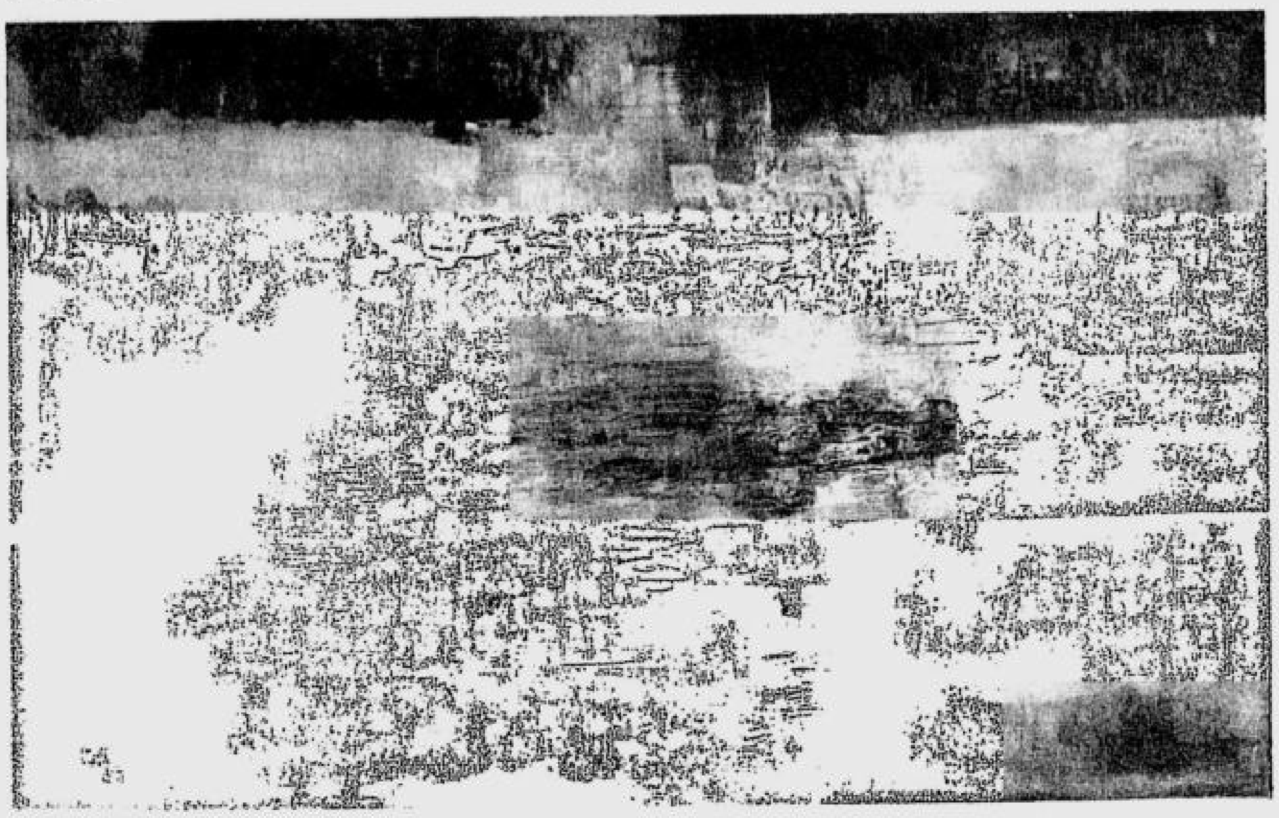

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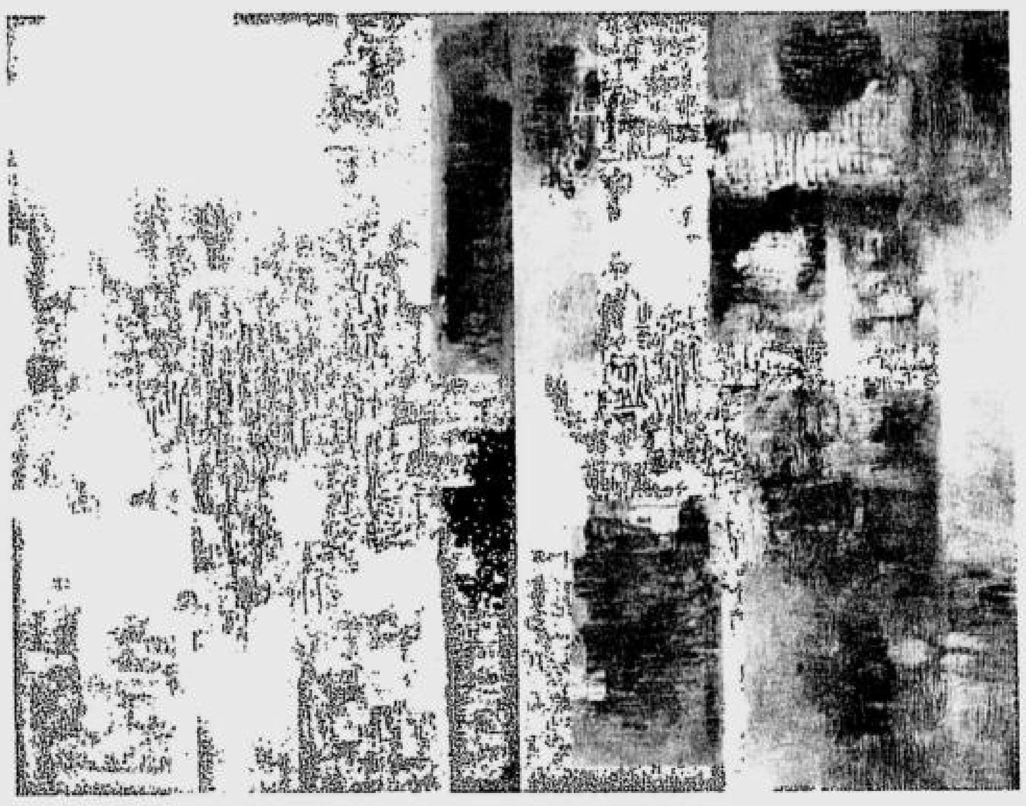


RAW and burnt sienna characterizes the works.

Conanan's nature abstracts at Ad Infinitum

ABSTRACTIONIST Dyun Conanan will hold his third solo exhibit, "Earthian Spirit," at the Ad Infinitum Galleries on May 9-23.

The show is an event since Conanan hasn't had a solo exhibition for five years. The last time he exhibited his works was in 1997 at the Alliance Francaise.

In "Earthian Spirit," Conanan shows the balance and harmony of nature.

He goes a step farther than artists who seek to portray the realm of the spirit through color. Conanan notes that other artists are hampered by the two-dimensional aspects of their works.

For his part, he strives to obtain an effect of what he calls a "space full of energy, wherein the contradiction of forces are ruled by harmony."

And harmony is what Conanan's work engenders. Even his palette, which is made up of raw and burnt sienna and several gradations of gray, will hardly cause a surfeit of emotions to viewers and yet, the overall effect is one of peace amid the swirling strokes of visual sensuality.

The Ad Infinitum Gallerie's is at 190 Blumentritt St., San Juan, Metro Manila. Call 726-9015 and 724-3032.

SHADES of gray causes fine emotions.

Lopez Museum to hold workshops on color and landscape painting

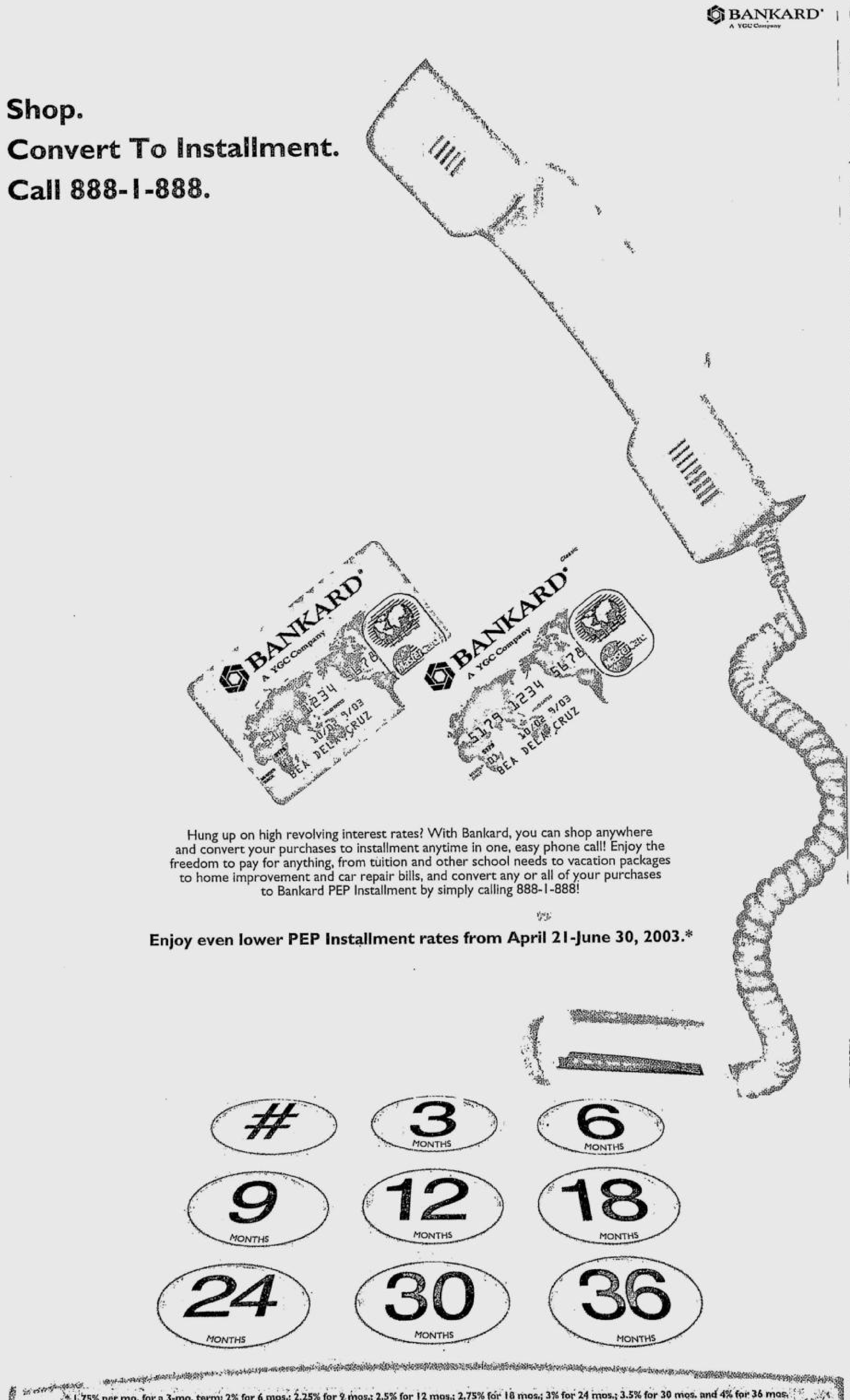
THE LOPEZ Museum will hold a workshop on color called "ROYGBIV: Color Your World Workshop," to be facilitated by mixed-media artist Wayie Canoy.

Workshop fee is P4,500 (including materials) for four Saturday sessions beginning May 10, from 10 a.m.-12 nn.

Meanwhile, the museum will also hold a workshop on landscape painting with artist Erwin Leano as facilitator.

The workshop will have eight three-hour sessions from Monday to Thursday, from May 19-29. It is open to high school and college students.

Enrollment is until May 17. Fee is P4,000 (inclusive of materials). Both workshops will be held at the Lopez Museum, G/F Benpres Building, Exchange Road, Pasig City. Call 631-2417 or 449-2355.



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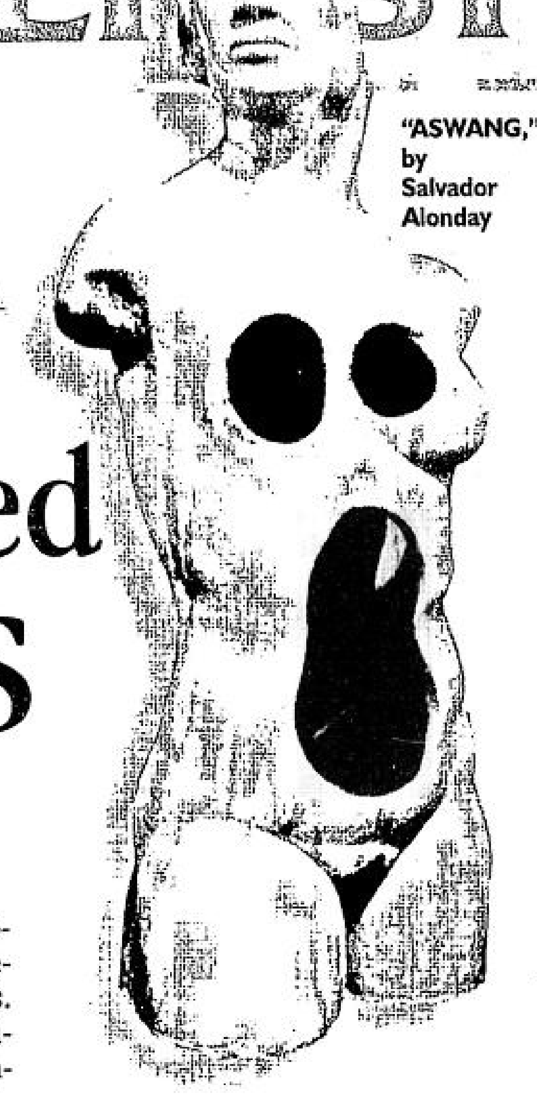
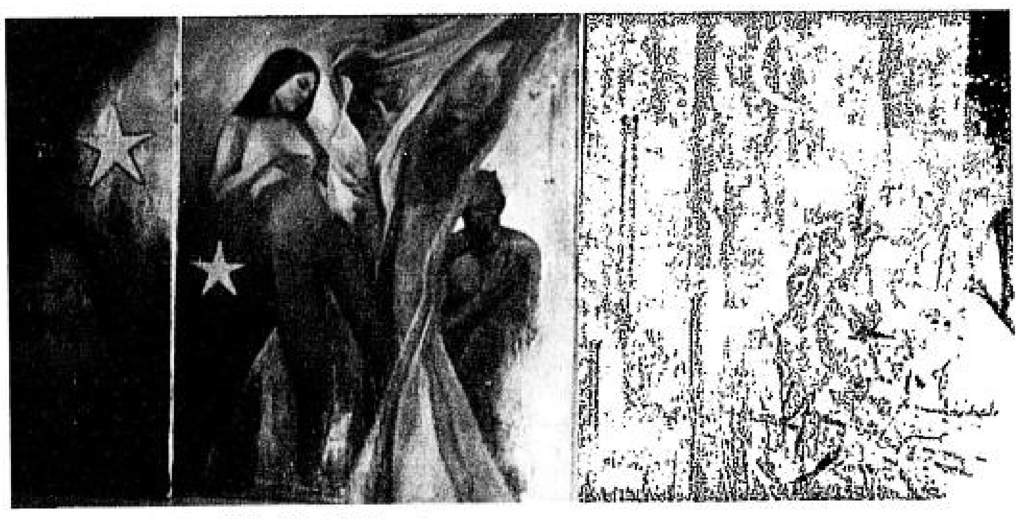

"ASWANG," by Salvador Alonday


"TWILIGHT to Starlight," by CJ Tanedo

Salvador Alonday mines Visayan mythology while CJ Tañedo and Martin Sacramento assay anguish and redemption

By Gino Dormiendo
Contributor

IT IS regrettable that a show by three highly innovative artists has gone completely unnoticed because of the scourge of war and the corona virus. But the business of art is precisely to reflect on the human condition, its trials and triumphs, as seen and interpreted by the artist, and through whose art we may hope to gain our own redemption.

The Boston Gallery's just-concluded April show proved a treat of an exhibit in these stressful times. In the gallery's ground floor, the tri-media works of Salvador Alonday were exhibited: sculptures, paintings and poetry. With the title "Almagre," in reference to the rusty, reddish soil used by potters as material for earhtenware, Alonday explores the human body as depicted in myth, folklore and ritual. Here, the metaphor of "almagre" is aptly used to connote the archetypal relationships of blood, soil and the human body.

Alonday's subjects are culled from a wide range of literacy references, all of which narrate the transformation of the body through mutilation, martyrdom, sacrifice and symbolic death.

The paintings, in particular, depict the calvary that the human body must undergo to purge itself of sin and iniquity.

Thus, in "Pamanata," the artist shows a pair of penitents, armed with their tools of self-flagellation, their faces draped and turned against the viewer.

In "Alitaptap," we see the hazy figure of a naked human body, while above him hovers a colony of fireflies, their presence illuminating the dark, dreary world.

Alonday mines old Visayan lore in "Juan Pikas," where the subject is that of a one-sided man—one eye, arm, ear and leg—a harrowing portrait of humanity, that loomed early in the works of Onib Olmedo and Danilo Dalena.

The same subject is depicted in sculpture using the medium of polychrome resin, though the painting is admittedly more dreadful to behold, with its wildly expressionist mode.

The other sculptures by Alonday, such as "Aswang," "Ostia" and "Elehiya" delineate mutilation,

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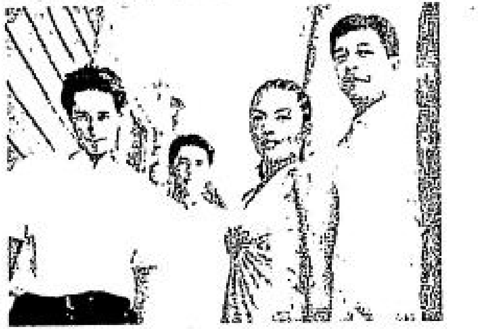

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Mag:net shows animé-inspired Pinoy pop art

POP-DERIVED art has historically yielded a varied array of visual combinations: from serigraphs of Marilyn Monroe's portraits to repetitive prints of Campbells Soup cans. However, in an upcoming exhibition titled "Green Manga," film director, graphics artist and painter Pablo Biglang-awa Jr. draws the public to a source of imagery more familiar to most urban-based Filipinos: Japanese cartoons (more popularly known as "animé" or "manga").

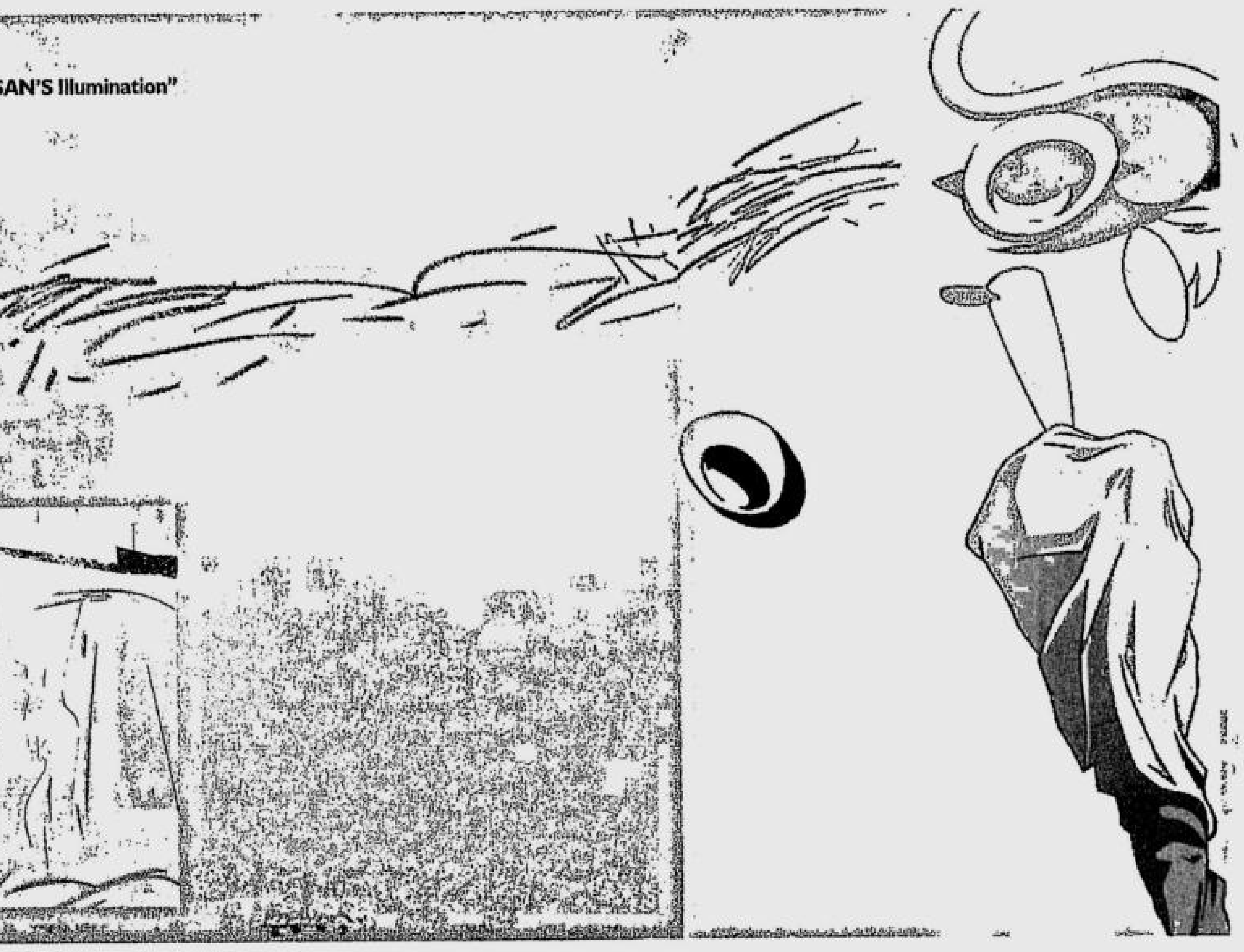
"Green Manga" is Biglang-awa's first solo exhibition. It is curated by Bernardo Pacquing and runs from May 9-June 3 at the mag:net gallery.

In seven large-scale canvases and a series of small works, Biglang-awa Jr. crops and depicts images from manga and animé characters in acrylic. Once defamiliarized, he juxtaposes and merges them with abstract backgrounds.

Animé and abstraction may initially derive from opposed visual traditions, seeming like an unlikely complement for each other's visual vocabulary. Biglang-awa, however, successfully combines these two traditions in paintings where the spontaneity of abstract expressionism and calligraphic strokes, and the flat, nuanced precision of Japanese manga techniques, converge. In his works, the flat and gradated mange images merge with the inchoate and fluid spaces of abstract art.

Biglang-awa majored in Painting at the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts and won the 36th Art Association of the Philippines (AP) grand prize in representational painting while still a college junior.

"Green Manga" opens on May 8, 6 p.m., at the mag:net Gallery, located at the Loop, ELJ Center, ABS-CBN Compound, Eugenio Lopez Jr. Street, Quezon City. Call 410-0995 (Malou) or e-mail magnet@info.com.ph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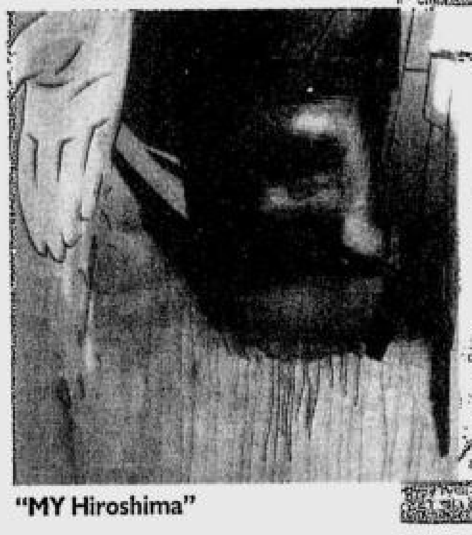
"MY Hiroshima"

"MISERICORDIA," oil/ acrylic on canvas, with "Lola Rosa," bust, resin

Mutilated bodies and anguished . . .

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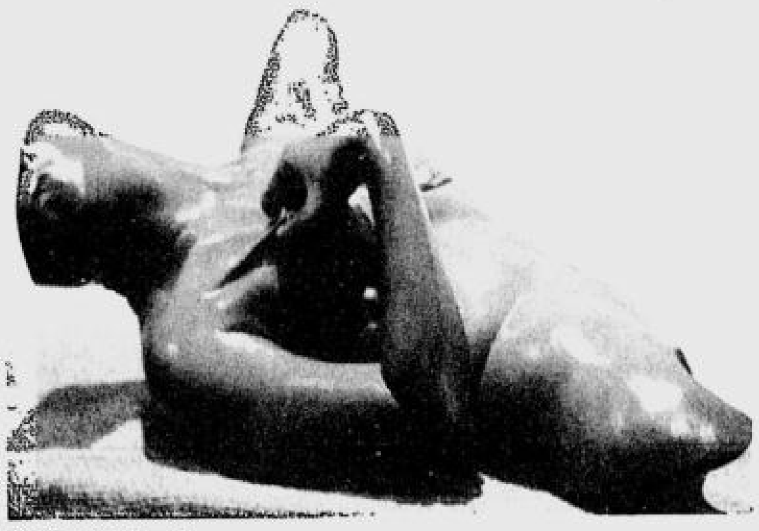
presenting images and practices that deify the body and its functions.

The artist also proves he is an excellent wordsmith, judging from the samples of poetry couched in classic Filipino verse, and generously splattered on the wall, and in the artist's own handwriting no less.

Tañedo and Sacramento

Also simultaneously exhibited in Boston Gallery's second level are the works of CJ Tañedo and Martin Sacramento, two young artists from the University of Sto. Tomas, who complement one another in narrative and style. Their show features nine narrative paintings on anguish and redemption.


"ELEHIYA," resin

Tañedo, who won the Nokia Merit Award in Seoul in 2000, generously fuses photographic elements as well as narrative art in depicting the fictional journal of a man who withdraws to his inner universe after a life marked by tension and anxiety. He also adroitly applies elements of collage and graphic design into his works, such as in "Scream" and "Becoming," where the central image is that of man's full-blown face screaming his heart out, his mouth virtually a vessel of releasing pent-up hatred.

Sacramento, to his credit, is less minimalist in spirit than Tañedo, opting to fill up his canvas with psychedelia, graffiti and generous splashes of colors and textures. The forlorn figure in his canvases looks less desolate than Tañedo's in both spirit and demeanor, though his own visual flamboyance, as in "Man as the Center of His Own Universe" can, on its own, be unnerving, if not exhilarating to the senses.

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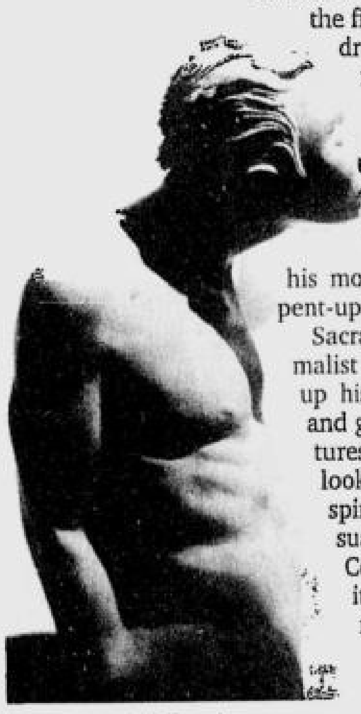
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BALARA'S swimming pools

Mag focuses on water and design

THE DESIGN relationship between water and architecture is the focus of Bluprint magazine.

The issue focuses on design projects featuring water, such as the seaworthy structures of Darling Harbor in Sydney and the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, as well as the flashy Batangas seaside enclaves of Punta Fuego and Kawayan Cove.

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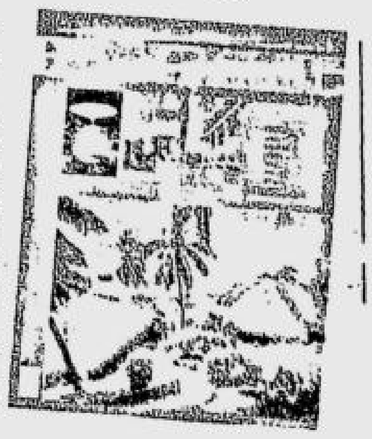

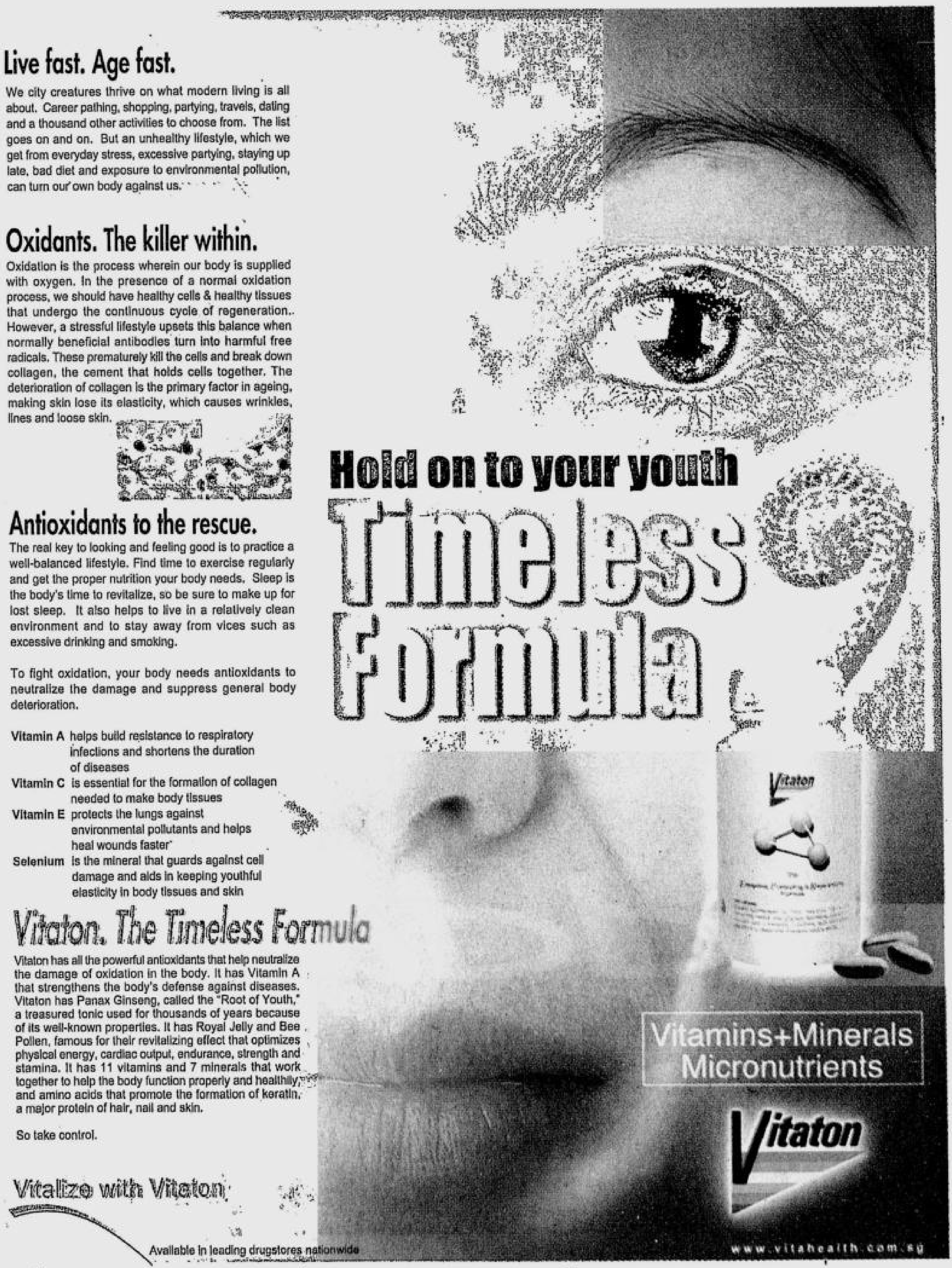
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We city creatures thrive on what modern living is all about. Career pathing, shopping, partying, travels, dating and a thousand other activities to choose from. The list goes on and on. But an unhealthy lifestyle, which we get from everyday stress, excessive partying, staying up late, bad diet and exposure to environmental pollution, can turn our own body against us.

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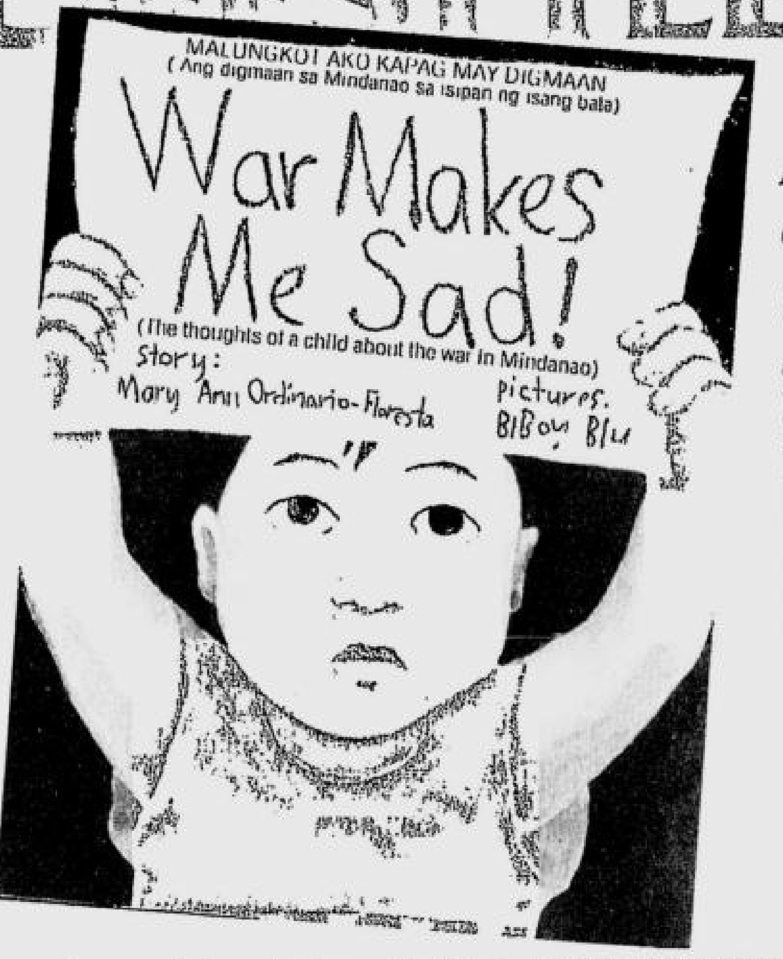
A child's war and peace

A children's book details the thoughts of a Mindanao child, but the sentiments go beyond geographies


MALUNGKOT AKO KAPAG MAY DIGMAAN
(Ang digmaan sa Mindanao sa isipan ng isang bata)
War Makes Me Sad!
(The thoughts of a child about the war in Mindanao)
Story: Mary Ann Ordinario-Floresta
Pictures: BiBoy Blu

War Makes Me Sad! (Malungkot Ako Kapag May Digmaan)
By Mary Ann Ordinario-Fiesta
Pictures by Biboy Blu
ABC Educational Development Center, Kidapawan City, 2000
With English and Filipino texts

By Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz
Contributor

REVIEW

THIS is not a new title in the market, but in view of the current events in Mindanao and in the Middle East, the book is a most timely one. It is subtitled "The Thoughts of a Child About the War in Mindanao," but the sentiments go beyond geographical boundaries.

Told from a young girl's point of view, the story is a series of questions about the strange and unsettling events going on around her. She does not understand her feelings of unease and uncertainty. She only knows that things are not right. There are tears in her mother's eyes, her father gathers the chicken and the goat from the backyard, the family flees from home and gunfire, not really knowing where they are headed.

She experiences great loss at leaving her ball, her kite, her books and wonders if her doll will still be there when she returns home.

They are made to sleep in a school on a bare floor of cold concrete, beside so many people none of whom she knows. Her father and brother have to sleep outside, with coconut leaves for mat.

Sleep is never peaceful for her because of explosions and her own nightmare of a huge gun chasing her. A poignant detail is when a baby is born in their midst, "but the baby did not move"—because there was no medical care available.

There is also the recollection of her friend Kahlil who lost his limbs because of the war. She wonders: What would school be like for him? And would he be able to use his pencil and crayons again?

Although tired and hungry and fearful, she has no choice but to hold tightly to her mother's skirt as they flee once more. She is afraid to be lost, but is even more terrified at the thought that she would lose her father, brother, sister one day.

As the story comes to an end, the questions keep coming: "Will there be no silence? Will there be no peace? When will the bombings stop? When will the war end?... I wonder why people are behaving this way. I have too many questions but Father could not give me answers."

Deliberately handwritten in a 6-year-old's scrawl (Floresta acknowledges John Robert Omandac for this), the book's main charm is that it is childlike in sentiment. The effects of war are rendered palpable. Thus, one is willing to overlook the occasional awkward English text and jarring syntax.

But it is disappointing that the narration veers away from the young child's perspective as it moralizes in the last page of the story, assuming a preachy tone.

This is not your usual soothing bedtime story, but one rich in insights for beginning discussions with children on war, peace and current events.

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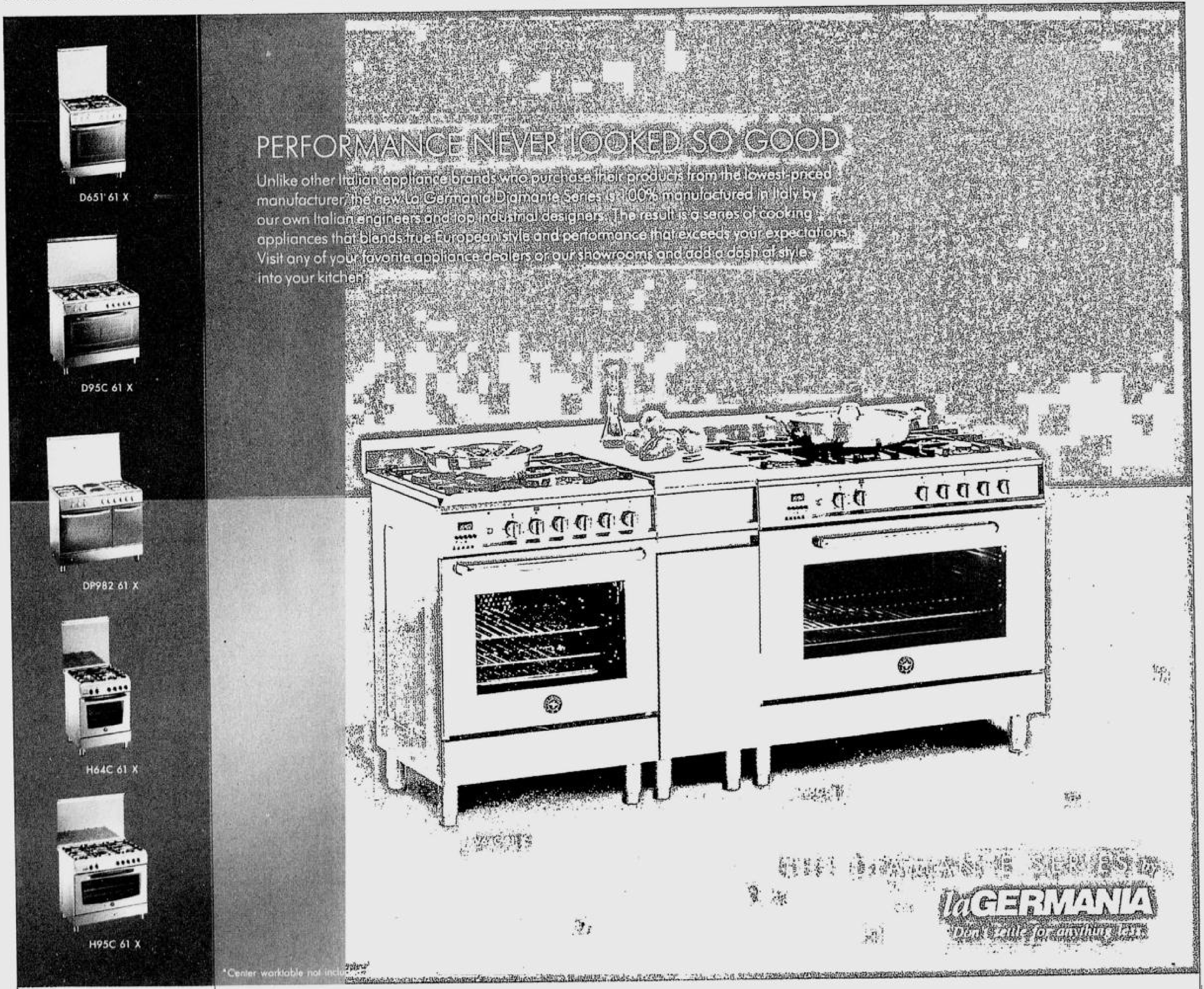

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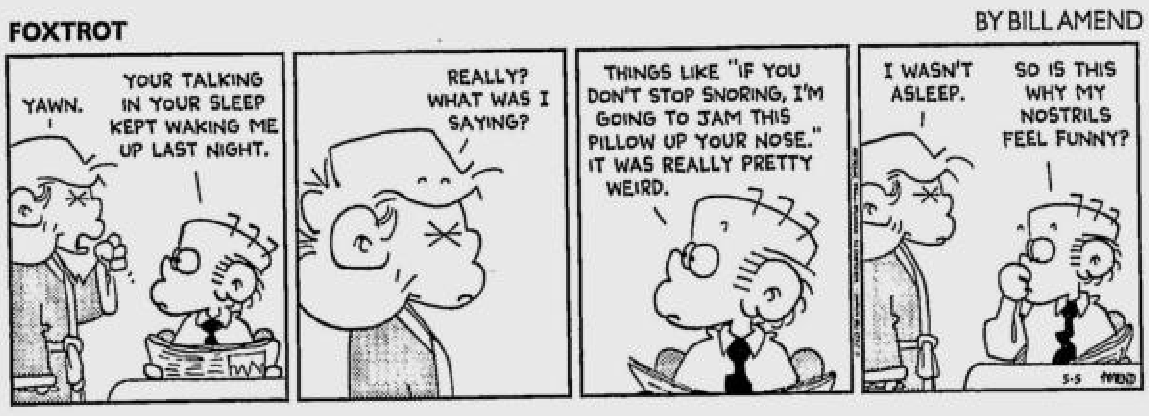
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REALLY? WHAT WAS I SAYING?
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I WASN'T ASLEEP.
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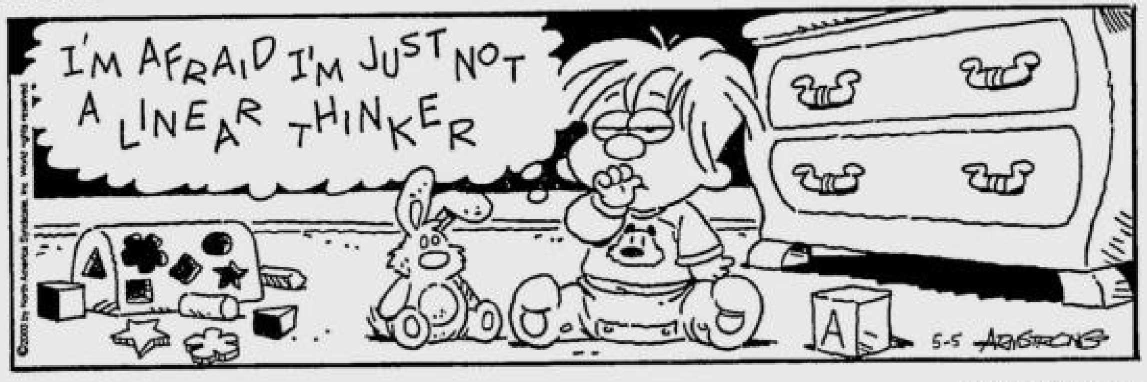
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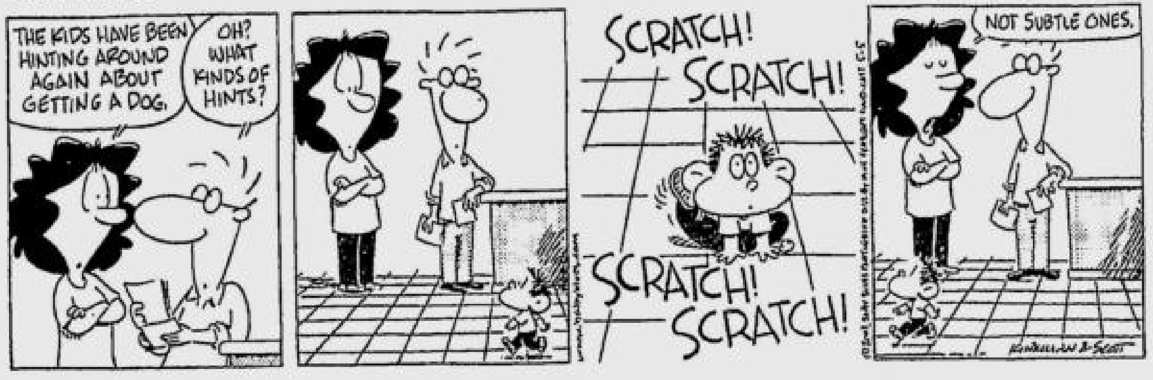
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OH? WHAT KINDS OF HINTS?
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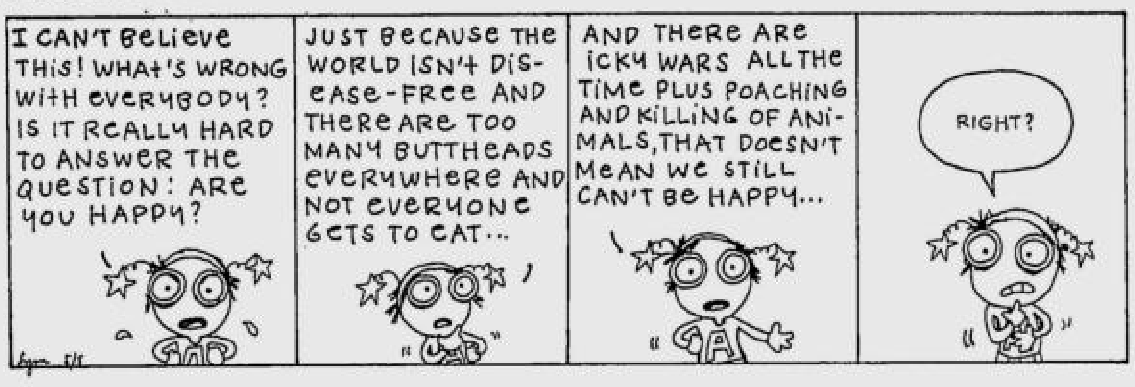
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! WHAT'S WRONG WITH EVERYBODY? IS IT REALLY HARD TO ANSWER THE QUESTION: ARE YOU HAPPY?
JUST BECAUSE THE WORLD ISN'T DISEASE-FREE AND THERE ARE TOO MANY BUTTHEADS EVERYWHERE AND NOT EVERYONE GETS TO EAT...
AND THERE ARE ICKY WARS ALL THE TIME PLUS POACHING AND KILLING OF ANIMALS, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE STILL CAN'T BE HAPPY...
RIGHT?

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You are imaginative and clever with words. You are a quick study, and you understand what others want. In difficult times, you offer courage and wisdom. You have deep insights into the workings of humankind. Expect more solitude in the year to come, because there is something you need to learn.
Birthdate of: Tony Blair, British prime minister; Roma Downey, actress; George Clooney, actor.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You feel strongly about money, possessions and buying something today. (That's OK. Sometimes we just identify with something and have to have it.)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): You put a lot of yourself into whatever you have to say today. Because you believe in your words and your ideas, others believe in them too.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You find it easy to daydream and drift a little today. Although you are entirely competent and capable, your mind is, frankly, elsewhere. (Fortunately, you could always walk and chew gum at the same time.)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): The Moon is in your sign today, and this gives you a slight advantage over everybody else. You can probably convince friends and groups to do whatever you want.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You might see a boss, a parent or an authority figure you haven't seen for a while. Similarly, you might have a second opportunity to do something that puts you in the limelight. Go right ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): A female friend can be a great comfort to you today. Never underestimate the power of friendship. It offers something money can never buy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): A parent or strong female figure in your life might talk to you today. Or, for some reason, you might receive some publicity or minor public notice for something.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Partners from your past have a way of appearing now. This is the time to remember that living well is the best revenge. Look as gorgeous as you can at all times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): This is the perfect time to wrap up old business and finish jobs or projects that were already started. Don't begin anything new right now until May 21.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): With the Moon directly opposite your sign, you have to go more than halfway in your dealings with others. Be conciliatory,,polite and diplomatic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Old family matters need to be rehashed now. You have the strength, clarity and energy to lead the way in whatever needs to be done. Encourage everyone to be generous and helpful.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): This Cancer Moon favors your Pisces Sun! It's a pleasant day, although ground transportation could cause delays and minor accidents.

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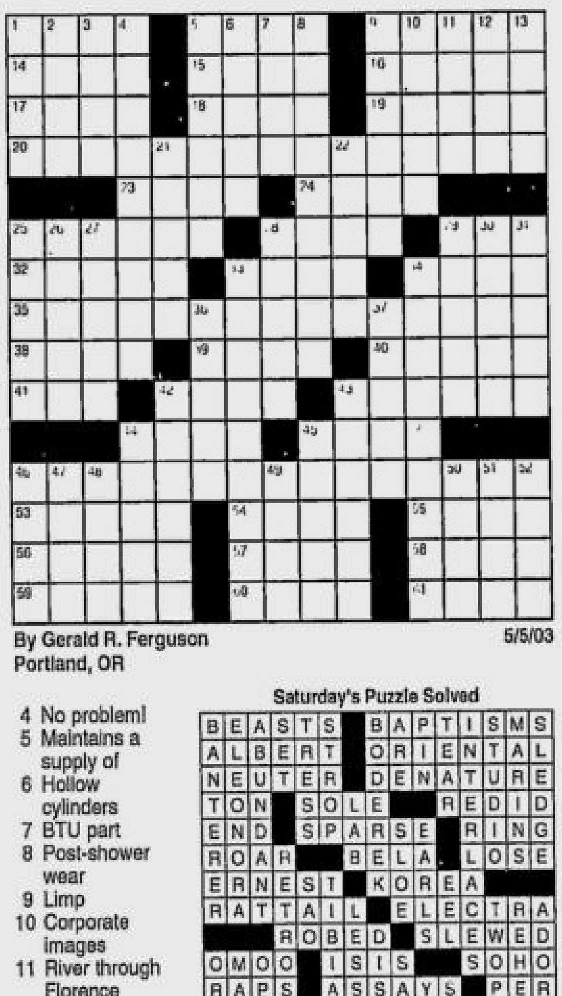

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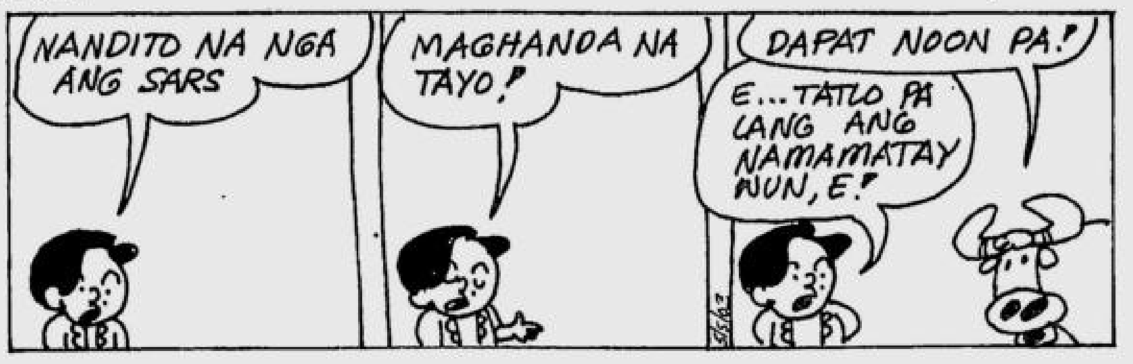
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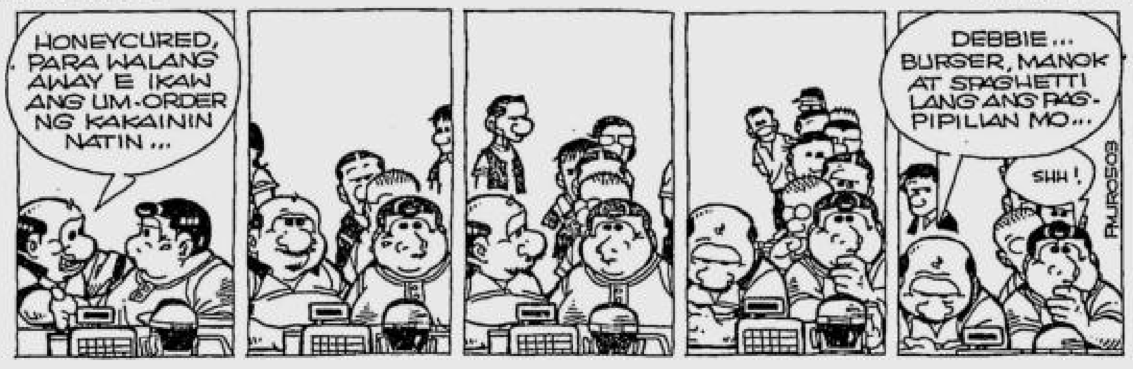
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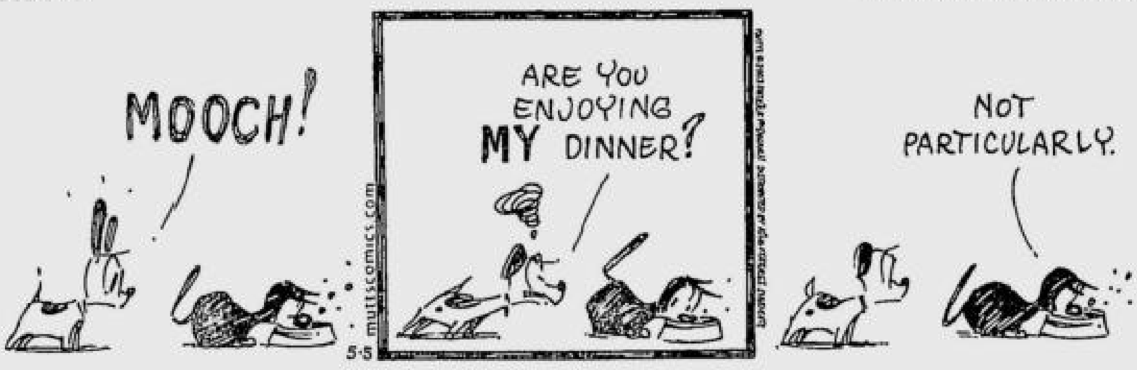
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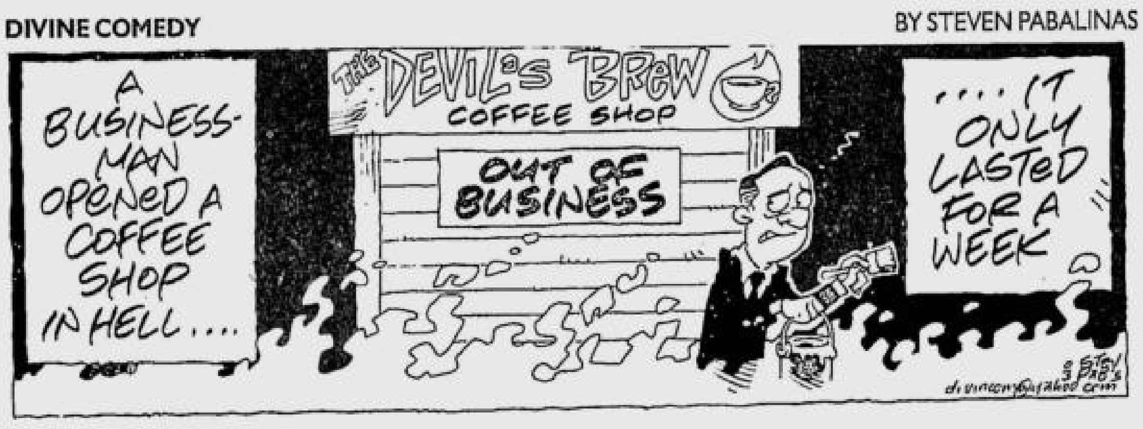
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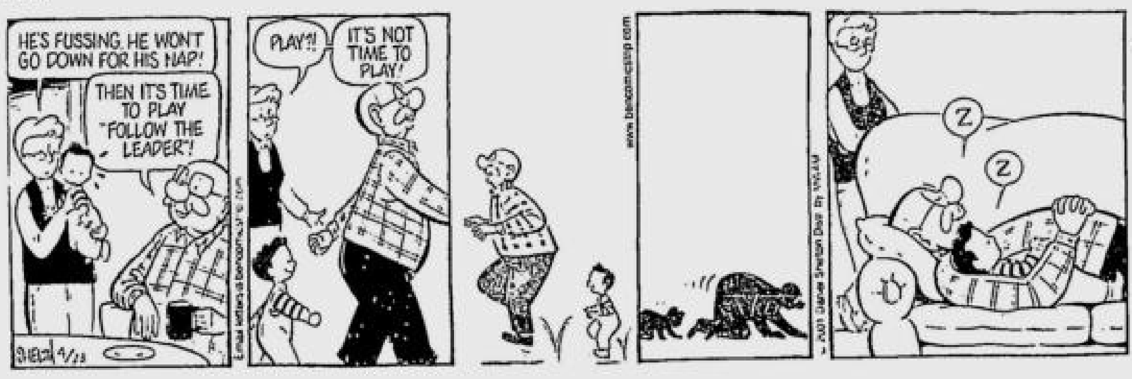
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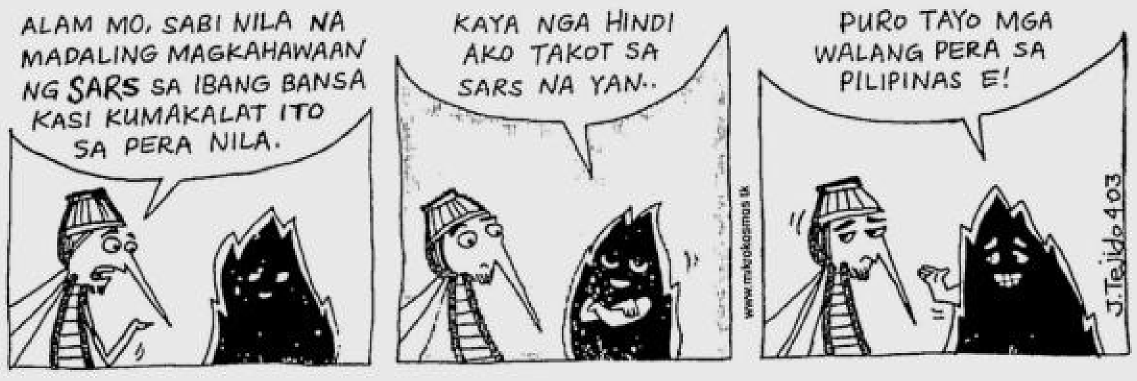
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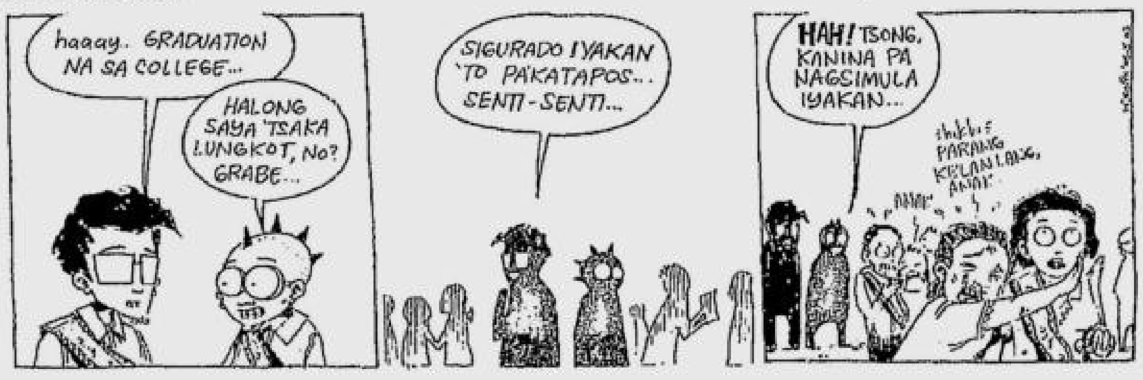
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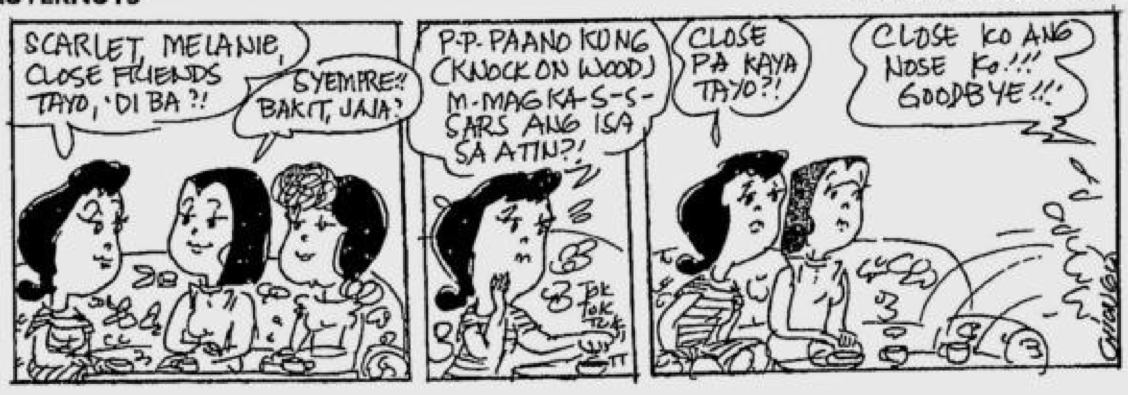
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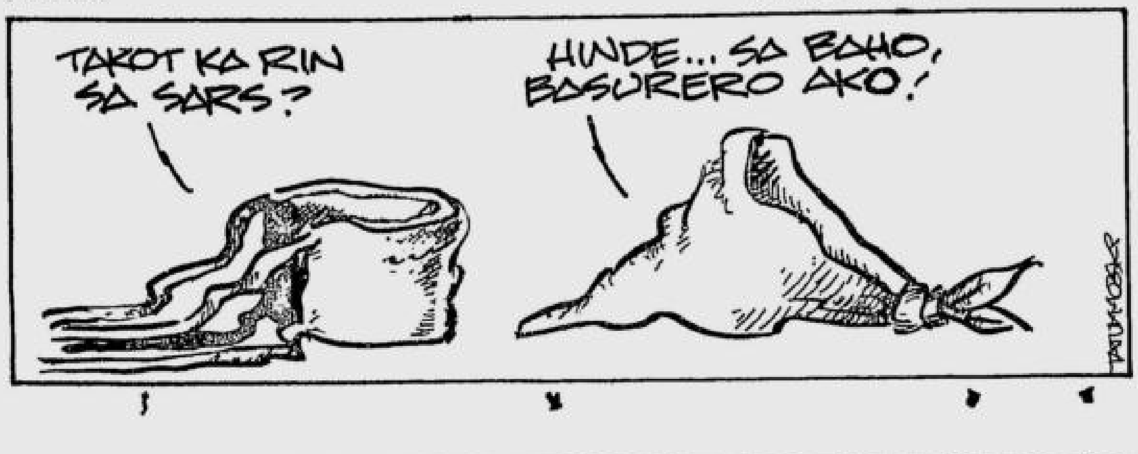
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TATUM MOBAR

A 'Smaller' and smarter thriller

Smaller and Smaller Circles
By F.H. Batacan
University of the Philippines Press, QC, 2002,
155 pages

By Ruel S. De Vera

JUST call it "CSI, S.J." The winner of the 1999 Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Literature's grand prize, F.H. Batacan's novel, "Smaller and Smaller Circles," is exactly what some local readers have been looking for. It is a satisfying English detective novel set in the Philippines. It is also a gripping read.

Recalling the best elements of whodunits by James Patterson and Patricia Cornwell, "Smaller" is a well-orchestrated, compact race against time. The dead, mutilated bodies of children are discovered in and around the Payatas area of Quezon City, with faces, hearts and genitals missing. It seems that a serial killer—yes, a Pinoy serial killer—is picking off a juvenile victim on the first Saturday of every month, and the best the NBI can do is produce a coached fall guy who clearly didn't do it.

REVIEW

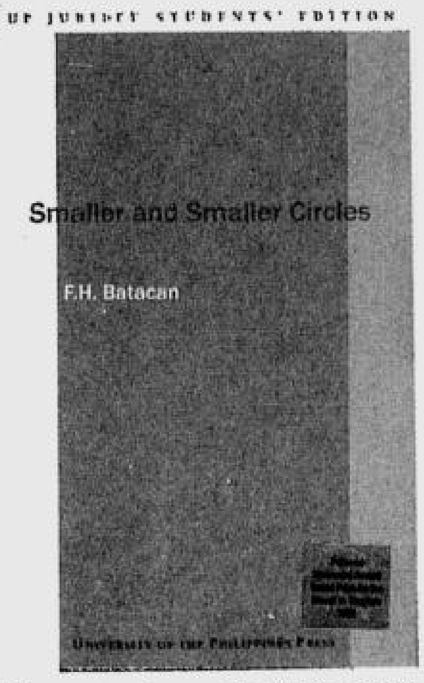
Enter Fr. Augusto Saenz, S.J., a priest who also happens to be a forensics anthropologist. With his smart sidekick Fr. Jerome Lucero and high-tech lab equipment thanks to a grant, Father Saenz is asked by the NBI director to join the chase. The 6-ft-plus cleric proves a fascinating, formidable pursuer, fluent in several languages, the classics as well as the latest forensics techniques. He also likes to listen to baroque music and R.E.M. How's that for a renaissance man?

F.H. Batacan's prize-winning novel is an effective Pinoy whodunit in English featuring a criminologist who happens to be a Jesuit priest

The monster they're chasing is unseen at the beginning of "Smaller," save for a creepy one-page visit into his sick mind every few chapters. Batacan hides her killer but lets you listen to his inner thoughts—and it isn't a nice place to visit. "I feel so much better today," the invisible assailant hisses after a fresh kill. "So light and unencumbered... I wish it could be like this every day."

Father Saenz also has some unique views regarding serial killing, concluding that "serial killing is a far more prevalent phenomenon in the country than the police have the capability or the inclination to detect. This is because little, if any comparison is ever made between the particulars of murders committed at different times or places."

Batacan throws in authentic settings both posh and grimy as well as a motley crew of interesting characters. Aside from Saenz's protégé Lucero, there's the manipulative and inept NBI agent lawyer Benjamin Arcinas, a well fleshed-out caricature of the Filipino lawman. But the most interesting supporting character has to be curvaceous TV reporter Joanna Bonifacio. Smart and ambitious, she also happens to be a former student of Saenz's. The two will share a somewhat symbiotic if not altogether comfortable relationship as the race for the killer heats up. Though Batacan throws in a lot of interesting little tidbits about her, including an intimate view into her depressing love life, there seems more to her than even Batacan clues us in to.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Smaller and Smaller Circles
F.H. Batacan
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After a flurry of TV-quality crime scene investigations and autopsy, Saenz realizes they are losing precious time as another victim is discovered. Batacan smartly keeps the reader entranced with a simultaneous view of prey and hunter. Saenz, of course, catches a break, coming up with the crucial deduction in the most bizarre circumstances.

From there, "Smaller" becomes a by-the-numbers whodunit. Batacan makes sure the readers find out who the killer is about the same time Saenz does, but gives them just enough bait to nibble on. The author also throws in enough scientific testing, evidence-hunting and ingenious deduction to enthrall fans of TV's "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" or Patterson's "Kiss the Girls." There's enough iodine fuming, X-ray comparison, dental examination and videotape-watching to keep the forensic buff in all of us diverted.

Ultimately, "Smaller" presents a pretty uncomplicated case as far as detective novels go. The predator is a classic serial killer, merely relocated to local shores. The monster has a tortured back story, a meaning to the madness. Similarly, Saenz is invincible, charismatic and equipped with the latest technology. No guessing required as to how this all works out.

"You think you have an interesting life," Saenz says by way of explaining why he engages in forensic sleuthwork. "And for the most part you do. You teach, you say Mass, you conduct research, see patients. Travel. Lecture. You do everything you're supposed to do the way it's supposed to be done. Once in a while, there's a chance to do more. And you take it."

But maybe that's precisely the point. Not unlike Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta, Saenz is the kind of super-sleuth that readers will grow fond of. Sharp, laconic, cultured and yet compassionate and eccentric—he's a priest, for crying out loud—Saenz is a character you will want to go on another case with again, a franchise protagonist, so to speak. And that is a fantastic feat for any fictionist to accomplish.

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NCCA Writers' Prize now accepting applicants

THE NATIONAL Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is calling on all writers to join the NCCA Writers' Prize 2003. Designed to encourage the development of Philippine literature, the NCCA Writers' Prize is a regular grant awarded to five writers in the following genres: novel, essay, short story (including children's stories), poetry and translation.

Grantees will be awarded P200,000 each to assist the grantee during the writing stage of the project. The grant is good for one year, after which a manuscript of the writing project will be submitted to the NCCA for possible publication. Works may be submitted in English and all Philippine languages.

The grant is open to Filipino writers of legal age. Applicants must submit a 3-5 page concept paper discussing the rationale and significance of the project. Initial outputs of the project must be submitted along with the concept paper: first three chapters for the novel; 10 poems or first three parts for epic poetry; 3 essays or short stories; same amount of output for translated works. Entries should be submitted in two forms: one printed copy on short bond paper (Times New Roman, 12 font size, double space) and one electronic copy in MS Word format. Applicants are allowed to apply to only one category.

Translation projects must involve regional languages to Filipino or from Filipino to English. Applicants must explain the significance of the translation project including the merits and credentials of the author whose work is to be translated.

Project outputs must have a minimum of 200 typewritten pages of the novel; at least 15 short essays or short stories; and at least 35 poems.

Entries should be addressed to: The NCCA Writers' Prize Secretariat, 5/F NCCA Bldg., 633 General Luna St., Intramuros, 1002 Manila. Deadline for submission of entries is on Oct. 31.

The NCCA Writers' Prize was first awarded in 2002 to Jimmuel C. Naval for his "Dalumat sa Labinlimang Pagkatha" (short story); Lourd Ernest H. de Veyra, Untitled (poetry); Rolando B. Tolentino for "Sipat-Kultura: Pag-aaral at Pagtuturo ng Panitikan Noon at Ngayon" (essay); Timothy R. Montes, Untitled (novel); and Alfred A. Yuson's English translation of the the Filipino poetry of Mike L. Bigornia.

Call Frances Alincastre at 527-2192 local 508, fax at 527-2191/94, or e-mail at info@ncca.gov.ph .

Concert Nights at the Old Walls

THE NATIONAL Commission for Culture and the Arts holds the Concert Nights at the Old Walls series in Intramuros.

Kasarinlan, a vocal and instrumental ensemble established in 1985 to cultivate and promote Philippine music and cultural identity, performed on May 3.

Himig Sanghaya serenades audiences on May 10.

Ballet enthusiasts can catch the Quezon City Ballet, the official performing group of the Halili Cruz School of Dance, perform on May 17.

The Philippine Barangay Dance Troupe, which is composed mainly of students, alumni and faculty members of the Philippine Normal University, will perform Philippine folk dances on May 24.

Singer-songwriter Noel Cabangon performs on May 31.

All performances will be at the Pueblo Filipino, VPY Clamshell Tent, corner Anda and Sta. Lucia Streets, Intramuros, Manila.

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There will be three contest categories—for ages 9-12, ages 13-17 and ages 18 and above.

All interested to join in the contest must go to the customer service desk of any National Book Store branch in Metro Manila to preregister.

Registration fee is only P150. The fee includes a "How to Draw Manga" book by Psicom Publishing, which has been a bestseller in National Book Store for a number of months now, and art supplies by Faber-Castell and Dong-A.

There will only be 20 contestants per category per contest date, so interested participants must preregister now. Pre-registration period is until May 10.

For more information, visit any National Book Store branch in Metro Manila and look for the Manga Character Design Contest poster.

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May at Powerbooks

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On May 10, CHILD Pre-School is sponsoring a storytelling and crafts session at Powerbooks Megamall. Registration starts at 2 p.m.

On May 10, 17, 24 and 31, there will be open discussions about mother-child relationships at Powerbooks Arnaiz, at 3-4:30 p.m., sponsored by Mommies Ink., makers of "The Days of our Lives" journal.

On May 11, the Little Apprentice Preschool is holding a storytelling and arts day for kids at Powerbooks Alabang. Call 850-5662.

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On May 17, at 3 p.m., Jobstreet.com launches "Career Guide" at Powerbooks Megamall. Guest speakers include Joyce Tongson from InfoXXX and Joann Hizon from Telecoms Specialists Inc.

Business One sponsors the seminars: "Selling Techniques" on May 22, 1:30-5 p.m.; and "Team Building Techniques" on May 29, 1:30-5 p.m. Facilitator is Angelina Mukhi. Registration fee is P795 per participant with a 5-percent discount for companies who send more than three participants. Call Grace Cervantes of Business One at 631-5052.

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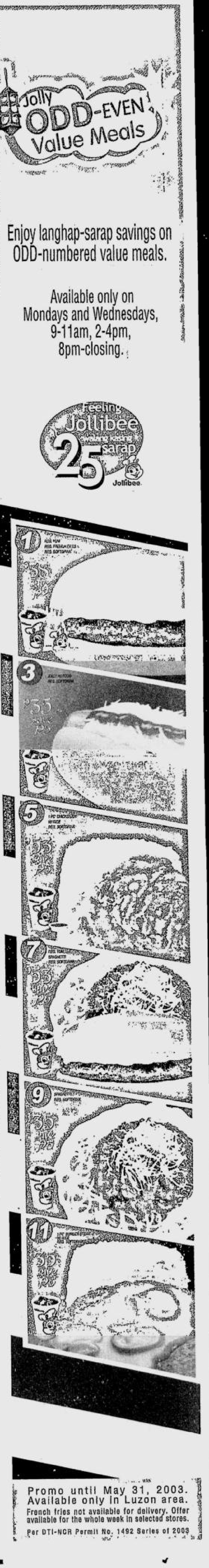

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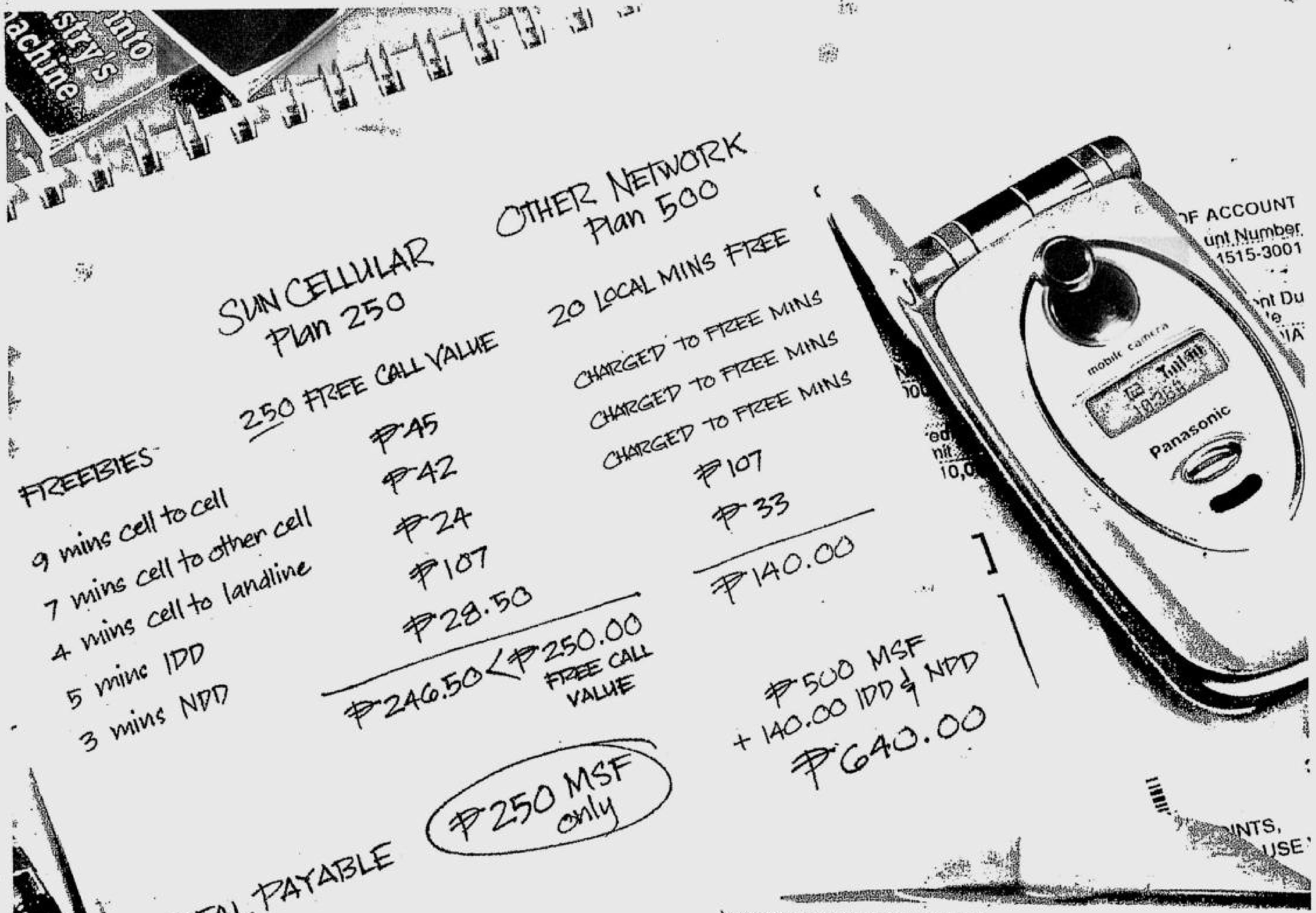
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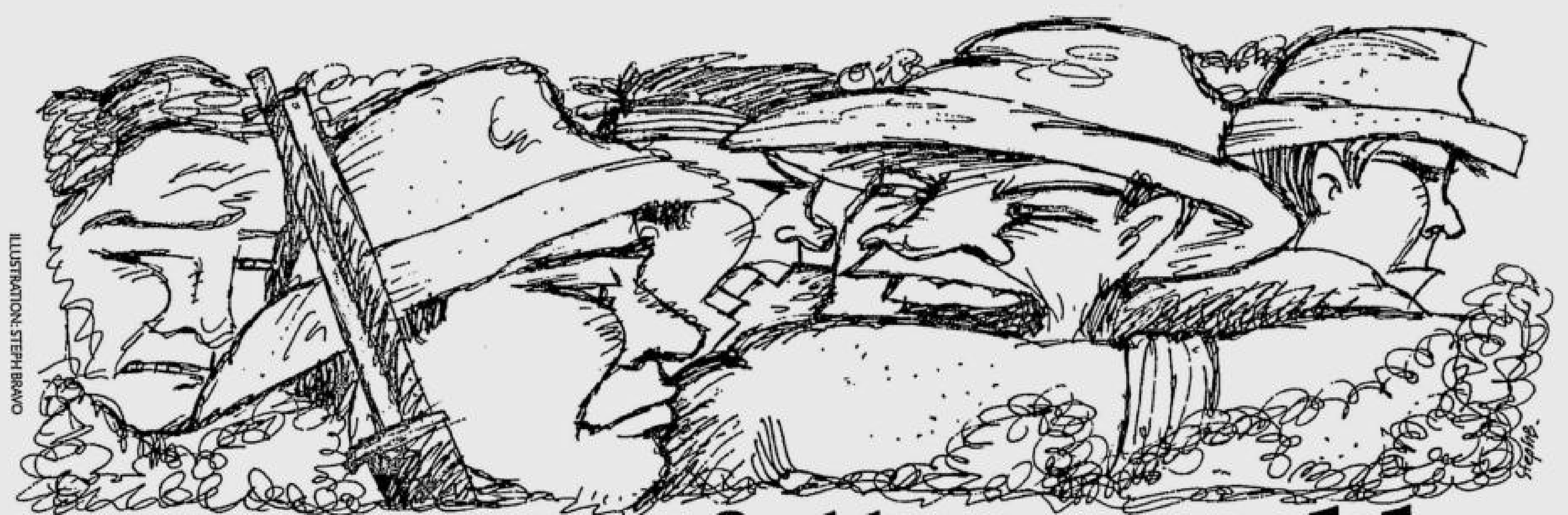

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A documentary remembers the utter waste of Bataan and Corregidor and the loss of Filipino lives there

Bataan has fallen—and how

By Susan Sanares-Tan
Contributor

IT IS a rare opportunity for us to speak directly to the reader about a documentary film we made—"The Battle of Bataan and the Bataan Death March," which re-airs on the 61st anniversary of the fall of Corregidor, May 6. The film will be shown at 9 p.m. on Channel 6, the Knowledge Channel.

The subject matter needed to be retold. Decades after Imperial Japan had attacked the Philippines in World War II, our Filipino veterans, who were part of the US Army Forces in the Far East, have not yet received due recognition or full veterans benefit.

Their most compelling stories stemmed from the Battle of Bataan and the Bataan Death March, which to some of us, were histories shrouded in mystery and had been frighteningly set aside by a generation looking for victories of national struggle.

The paradox may be that the Battle of Bataan had ended in surrender. But it was a sacrifice that contained an unmistakable stamp of destiny upon it and occurred at all costs. It involved the bungling by some highly revered figures like Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the political maneuverings of Philippine Commonwealth Pres. Manuel L. Quezon, who was seemingly at odds and at the same time congenial with US Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The story had found its resolution toward the end of the war with liberation—itself reminding us of the larger specter or added deaths and devastation. By war's end, more than one million Filipinos had died during the Japanese Occupation. Nevertheless, many had not expected that victory and eventual Philippine independence would be so easy or uncomplicated a task.

Told by the veterans themselves, including Alfred Xerex-Burgos, who passed away quietly before we could complete the film, we received some very crucial insights into what Bataan and Corregidor meant to them.

Symbols of death

Now symbols to many of us, the battles of Bataan and Corregidor were real-life confrontations with death. Many aging veterans look back to them as some of us might recall graduation. They were as young then and reached a turning point. Only theirs was more extraordinarily so. Some have said they particularly recall the shame. They had lost the battle but not the war. Some people refuse to acknowledge the sacrifice and courage of the veterans amid the hardships and dire conditions that they had faced in the Bataan of 1942.

A disparate group of us had produced the film in a relatively short period of time—23 months, from research to production to editing and release. Without sponsors or funding except for the generosity of time and giving from those involved, we relied heavily on Vicky Viray-Mendoza, who directed, filmed and edited the documentary—after six months of footage research at the US National Archives and the AFP Museum in Manila. Vicky also learned how to use editing software at home, where most of the task was performed.

Assorted roles

We took on assorted roles, particularly in gathering and synthesizing all the necessary information. It happens with a meager budget and time constraints. Our initial deadline was set for Dec. 8, 2002. But we were making changes well into January. Finally the film aired on the Knowledge Channel on April 9 with the help of its executive director, Rina Lopez-Bautista.

Military tactical research came from reliable sources such as retired Col. Nestor A. Lim, who used more than 40 books and publications; retired Col. Frank Quesada; and retired Commo. Ramon Alcaraz. All in all we used a variety of materials, more than 80 books and articles by Filipino, Japanese and American authors—including recent offerings. About 50 out-of-town interviews also were conducted with veterans in the US, Canada and the Philippines; and painstaking archival research was done for film footages from more than 50 sources, including a seized Japanese film.

Naturally in the beginning, we had no idea what amount of work would be required for the film. But through careful searching, sifting and verifying of all the information we could get, it happened.

The support of those around us, especially from our spouses—Jojo Mendoza and Jorge Tan—our families, as well as Commodore Carlos Agustin, who linked us with the military advisers and interviewees, helped to assure the accuracy and completion of the film.

There are numerous people to mention—from the US, Mark Van Fleet, who

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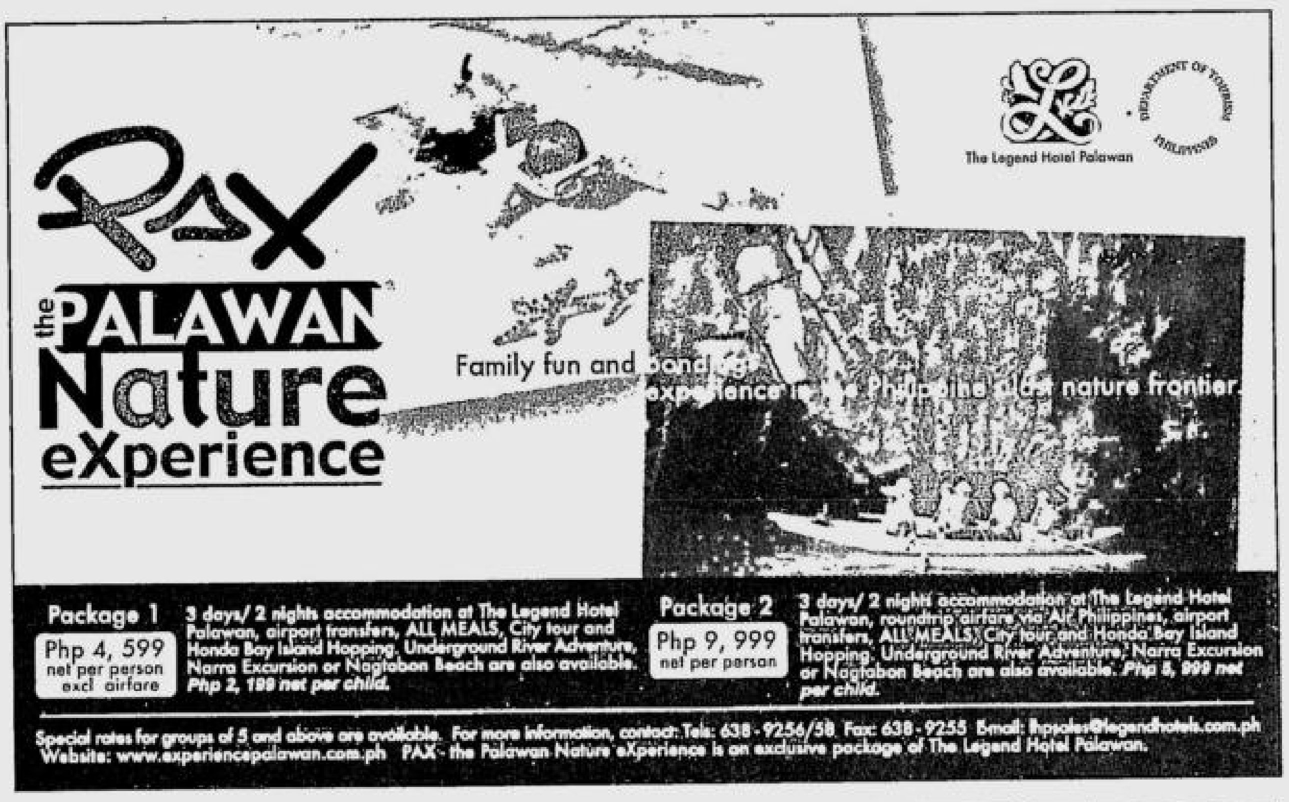

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RUSSIAN conductor Dmitry Liss shows approval of pianist Albert Tiu as San Miguel Philharmonic musicians beam

World-class concert

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

WATCHING a live concert is definitely more rewarding than viewing its videotape recording. But especially if you missed a performance, listening to CDs of performances by top rated artists may be the next best thing.

I felt lucky when Oscar Pantaleon Jr., the marketing and sales officer of the San Miguel Foundation for the Performing Arts, allowed me to view the videotape of the performance of the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by the Russian conductor Dmitry Liss, with pianist Albert Tiu as featured soloist in the foundation's office at the San Miguel building on Ortigas Center.

The office was cozy and well laid out, and a technician was on hand to assist. The program was an all-Tchaikovsky, featuring "Polanaise" from the opera "Eugene Onegin," Op. 24; the "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1 in B-flat minor," Op.23; and the "Symphony No. 6 in B minor," Op. 74, the "Pathetique."

The programming of course followed the traditional sequencing, highlighting the twin capability of the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra to interpret a symphonic masterpiece and collaborate with a world-class soloist such as Albert Tiu.

What immediately got one's attention was the utmost decorum of the musicians who appeared debonair in their sartorial gala attire. The stage also sported a nice look as fresh leaves graced the proscenium's apron with the logo of the orchestra hanging neatly in the middle of the sounding shell.

When the orchestra sounded the first few bars of the "Polonaise," one was immediately assured of an alluring listening. The ensemble work was tight, and the mixing of tones well-blended. Glorious symphonic sound was relished more in the "Pathetique." Conductor Dmitry Liss wielded the baton with tremendous competence sans score at that. His gestures looked almost natural, without any hint of bravura or unwanted bodily gesture. His baton oozed with convincing authority, delineating the symphonic idea, from the strings to the woodwinds and the brasses, with limpid clarity.

Blissful

"Pathetique" sounded blissful; one would think such a sobriquet was a misnomer. Of course, the pathos was poignant, but the manner with which conductor Liss etched them was devoid of sentimentality. It hewed close to the nobility of the work. There was no dramatic statement of the tragic sense that would make the symphonic sound trite and gloomy, but instead, a well-tempered, well-thought out reflection prevailed.

The tones were buoyant, well caressed and utterly singing. This was gleaned from the first and last movements. In short, despair was not conveyed in a vulgar manner, but with a burning sense of decency.

Contrast in mood was starkly delineated in the scherzo of the second movement. Symphonic dialogue among the varied instruments was eloquently carried in the third movement, as the orchestra carved out in full the martial theme towards the end.

Hearing "Pathetique" in the grand manner is a rarity on our local concert stage.

Collaboration was close between Liss and Tiu. Indeed, the tandem was powerful. Tiu was in top form as he ran his long, agile fingers on the keyboard. He played with aplomb, essaying the entire concerto with solid dispatch. Like the orchestra, he played his lines in a singing manner. There were no forced-out passages, only exquisitely caressed lines that disclosed much finesse.

He carved out those compelling octaves in the first movement with singing virtuosity, including the cadenza, which he dished out in absorbing cantabile. He and the conductor, indeed, forged a tight collaboration, and brought out the piece's appealing themes, warmly and with staggering dynamism.

Tiu will come back on June 14 to become the featured soloist once more of the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra, this time with conductor Julian Quirit, at the CCP Main Theater. This concert is definitely a must for the music enthusiast!

Song concert

Meanwhile, a liederabend, or a song concert, will be held at the Equitable PCI Bank Francisco Hall on May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Performing artists are soprano Naomi Sison, mezzo soprano Ella Baarde, tenor Frederick Santos, baritone Ed Monstesclaros with Cecile Basilio-Roxas and Jonathan A. Coo as collaborating pianists.

The program will consist of Filipino songs and German lieder, and is highlighted by Johannes Brahms "Liebesliederwalzer" Op. 52. Call the MCO Foundation at 813-3849.

The masters in the time of war and SARS

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

TENOR Gary del Rosario

THIS must be a most disconcerting time to watch concerts.

Your mind is shaped by CNN and BBC accounts of the Iraq war and bulletins by World Health Organization officials on the SARS epidemic. There is no telling what new twists and turns from the war and health fronts have occurred when you step out of a concert hall.

But it is precisely these disturbing developments that make the concert hall a good place for seeking refuge from man-made and natural disasters.

For this concert-goer at least, the best musical antidotes so far were the performances of cellist Wilfredo Pasamba and pianist Nita Abrogar-Quinto of Bach's "Sonata No. 1" at the University of the Philippines College of Music and violinist Oscar Yatco and pianist Nena del Rosario of Beethoven's "Sonata No. 3 in G Major, Op. 30" at the Francisco Santiago Hall.

Last week, in the middle of Chino Gutierrez's performance of Beethoven's "Sonata No. 8" with pianist Najib Ismail at the Pasig Museum, filmmaker Marilou Diaz-Abaya whispered to me, "Pablo, how could a young man of 13 possibly play Beethoven with such depth?"

Those performances had discipline and focus worthy of the composers. When the bombs started falling in Baghdad, the more I relished concert hall music. I told myself: Man is at his best making music and at his worst declaring war.

When SARS wiped out—at least for a few days—the Iraq war from local headlines, I imagined unlikely scenarios. I saw pictures of priests with surgical masks as they said mass in Hong Kong. I thought: Could it be long before concert goers attend performances in surgical masks?

Link to sanity

With the onset of SARS, will music lovers lose their last link to sanity with the government advisory for everyone to avoid crowded places?

President Macapagal's order banning travels to Hong Kong will not just spell death to its tourism industry (and probably to scores of travel agencies, too) but attendance in the yearly Hong Kong Arts Festival, which draws thousands of tourists every year, will suffer as well.

I can imagine the Hong Kong government canceling concerts (if it has not done so already) and a number of performances by both local and foreign artists at the Hong Kong Cultural Center.

The Iraq war may be drawing to an end but the end does not seem to be in sight for the new scourge that is SARS, which has just started to wreak havoc in several continents.

But artists manage to go on with their lives elsewhere. Last week soprano Eleanor Calbes, as director, was busy with the opening of "Sound of Music" in Toronto and tenor Gary del Rosario was all psyched for the opening of Mozart's Die Zauberflöte in Cleveland. Cecille Licad had another well received solo recital in Boston. She is now preparing for a performance with cellist Alban Gerhardt.

There is no way artists can prevent war and discover a cure for the new scourge. Like the rest of humanity, they just have to go on with their lives.

There must be some parts in the music of Bach and Beethoven that will help us understand better our humanity, our weakness, not to mention, our helplessness with the way things are in the world at large.

Here and there

The concerts of Canada-based soprano Calbes on Nov. 11-14 at the Philamlife Theater and Cagayan have been postponed due to travel restrictions for people from Canada.

General director of the Cleveland Opera David Bumberger announced that this year's Belle O. Morse Young Artist Award went to Filipino tenor Gary del Rosario who is singing Tamino in the Cleveland Opera's production of "The Magic Flute."

Another Filipino tenor, Lemuel de la Cruz, got a rave review for his latest performance in Kuala Lumpur with the stars of the Lyric Opera of Singapore accompanied by the Belangor Philharmonic Orchestra. Music critic Zack Yusof said the tenor's first number, "On The Street Where You Live" (from "My Fair Lady"), clearly showed how talented the singer was. Wrote Yusof: "De la Cruz demonstrated his ability to do magical things with his voice—either soaring high with the eagles, sounding dizzy with ecstasy or dropping down to a heart-broken whisper with the minimum of fuss. His voice simply got better and better as the night wore on. His version of 'Serenade' (from the 'Student Prince') provided the audiences with one of the more memorable highlights of the night, proving that the more tunes the Filipino tenor (tackled) during the concert, the stronger his voice seemed to get. De la Cruz simply lived up to his billing as one of the true stars of the concert."

The Bikol Arts Festival, initiated in Albay by painter Gus Albor, had quite an opening. The Cagsawa Ruins were not only the venue for the opening but also became part of the exhibition hall for the works of both local and Manila-based artists.

Museum assistant Cuchas Llaguno showed me an area where chamber music performances could be held but then the area could sit only a few. When I visited Cagsawa a day after the festival opening, the ruins were reverberating with karaoke music from a nearby beer joint. How did a beer joint get so close to this Albay tourist attraction?

Back to the rest of the festival, I watched the Pinikpikan Ethnic ensemble perform on an improvised stage by the beach of Rawis in Legazpi City. This was what I had always wanted to do with classical concerts but never got around to doing it (no piano owner and violinist would risk having their instruments exposed to salt spray.)

The group's music had its own unique appeal. I enjoyed it.

The concert hall is a good place for seeking refuge from man-made and natural disasters

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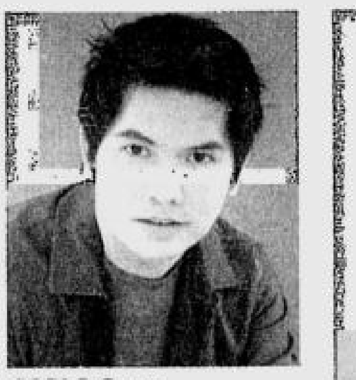
Something to 'Honk!' about

By Audie Gemora
Contributor

OF STAGE

FOR THE PAST few years Trumpets has been blessed with a string of musical theater hits like "Joseph the Dreamer," "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" and "Little Mermaid." But we at Trumpets don't sit on our laurels. After all, in the theater you are only as good as your last performance.



CARLO Orosa

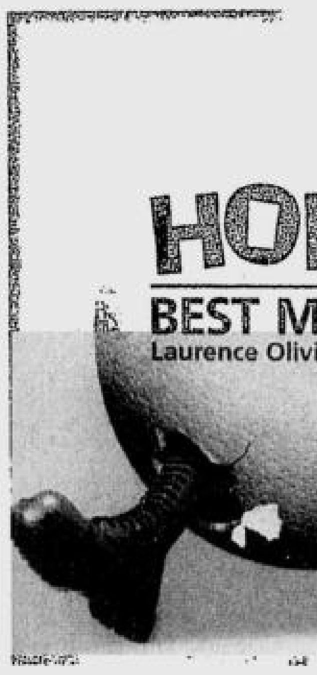
CARLA Martinez

Last year I visited my good friend Chari Arespacochaga in Singapore who was in the cast of a British musical called "Honk!", a modern re-telling of Hans Christian Anderson's timeless tale, "The Ugly Duckling." It won over "The Lion King" as best musical in 2000 British Lawrence Olivier Awards.

After seeing "Honk!" I was won over by its endearing story. A young mother duck Ida finds one of her hatchlings very different from the rest of the brood. Not only does he look odd, he can't quack. He honks!

All the farm animals call him "Ugly" and ostracize him until a crafty cat who dreams of having Duck L'Orange manages to lure him away from home. There begins Ugly's misadventure and Ida's adventure to find him.

I immediately asked Chari to broach the idea of us doing "Honk!" in Manila to its author and director, Anthony Drewe (recently commissioned by Disney and Cameron McKintosh to adapt "Mary Poppins" into a musical). He was thrilled beyond words. He had heard so much about the Filipino's flair for musicals. He got even more excited about the prospect of having Chari direct the show for Trumpets. Not only has Chari been nominated "Best Featured Actress" in Singapore's own theater awards for her performance in "Honk!", Trumpets has chosen her to direct the Manila version.



Everybody in Trumpets has been busy as a bee preparing for "Honk!" which will have a two-month run at the Meralco Theater this August and September.

We've just gone through rigorous auditions where 170 aspirants had to be pared down to only 20 cast members! Needless to say, we picked 20 of the best performers in town. Trumpets stalwarts Carlo Orosa and Carla Martinez will be sharing the lead roles with TV stars Franco Laurel and Agot Isidro who is making her stage debut. Diva-on-the-rise Lana Jalosjos who just finished "Dreamgirls" will be Ugly's love interest. Comedian Nanette Inventor, Sheila Francisco fresh from her acclaimed performance as Bloody Mary in London's "South Pacific," theater veterans Tonipet Gaba, Noel Rayos, Sweet Plantado, Mayen Bustamante, Bongoy Manahan, and last year's exciting discovery, Paolo Valenciano, are among those who make up the "Honk!" merry cast.

Brad Saak, who was "Honk!" Singapore's musical director and now doing "Chicago" in New York, will be flying in to work with the band. Designing the set and costumes is New York-trained Gino Gonzales while lighting design will be done by tech guru Gerry Fernandez.

Call Trumpets at 633-5010, 633-4387 or 635-4478.

UP Film Institute given the go-signal

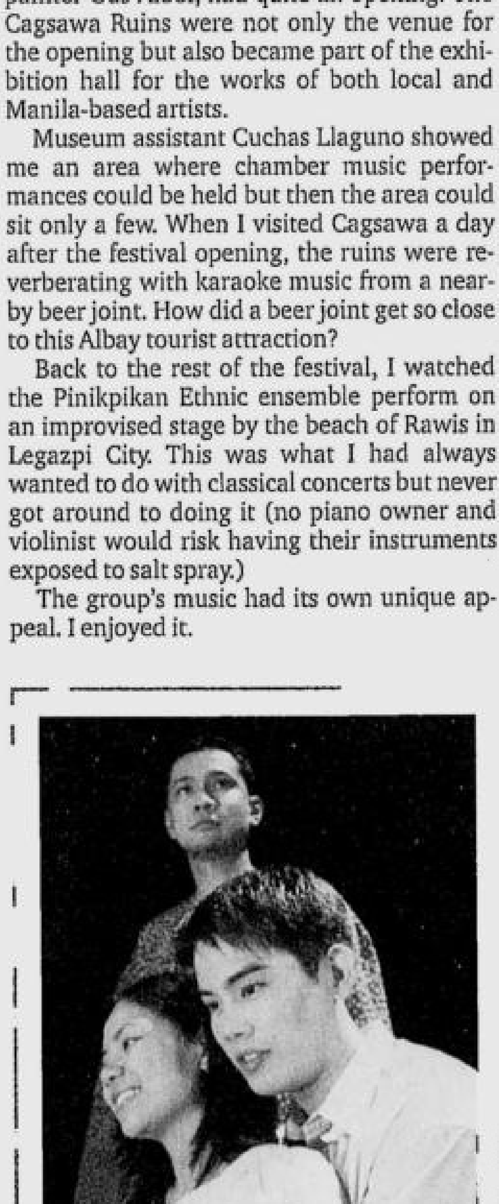
THE UNIVERSITY of Philippines' Board of Regents (BOR), at its Mar. 27 meeting, approved with finality the implementation of the 1994 BOR Resolution to merge the College of Mass Communication Department of Film and Audiovisual Communication and the UP Film Center into the UP Film Institute or UPFI.

The board also approved the implementing guidelines that would merge the two units' academic programs, personnel, budgets, equipment, library and other resources.

The UPFI will now take care of the degree programs currently lodged in the CMC Film department—the B.A. in Film and M.A. Media Studies in Film—as well as the two units' research, publication, and extension activities. The 800-seat film theater will continue to be a venue for film screenings and other activities under the management of the institute.

The institute will be headed by a director, to be appointed by the chancellor. There is an ongoing search for the first UPFI director under the supervision of a faculty committee constituted by the CMC dean.

The UPFI will become one of the academic units of the College of Mass Communication, along with the Departments of Broadcast Communication, Communication Research, Journalism and Graduate Studies.



"SINTA" has been called Ateneo theater's best kept secret. Join in the wonder of "Sinta," hopeless romantics and hopeful dreamers, on May 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m., at Dulaang Sibol (Tanghalang Onofre R. Pagsanghan), Ateneo High School, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Tickets, reasonably priced at P200, are available at Dulaang Sibol. Text 0917-8135195 for tickets and information.

Bataan has fallen—and how

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served as co-narrator and music arranger, and from Cavite, a musical conductor of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra who helped arrange the music, which had to be original. Royalties, we could not afford. All gave freely of their time and talent. Many would be uneasy that we have included their names here.

Abuse of power

Bataan reminded us yet again of the abuse of power, injustice, dehumanization at gruesome levels, the complexities of war and the price of freedom.

At war's end, the Philippines was still under the United States and it was MacArthur, who had stood for the Philippines during the formal surrender of Japan in 1945.

It is a story that haunts us still because time has not eased the victim's pains. And though memory can sometimes fail with advancing age, the mental images remain stark and unforgiving. Apart from government reparations made by Japan to the Philippines, through time, private Japanese citizens have returned to the Philippines in friendship—offering personal reparations. But it largely remains an unpopular move in Japan. Voices of conscience are heard every now and then, but quickly die out in the silence. Perhaps our worst enemy, however, is forgetfulness.

Ours has not been a simple history. Looking back at Bataan we delve into a shared past, one that paralleled and occurred at a season of intense spiritual passions and nationalistic clashes. But how we remember and learn from our losses may tell more about ourselves than how we have lived through the victory.

We urge you to watch the documentary on May 6, 9 p.m. at the Knowledge Channel.

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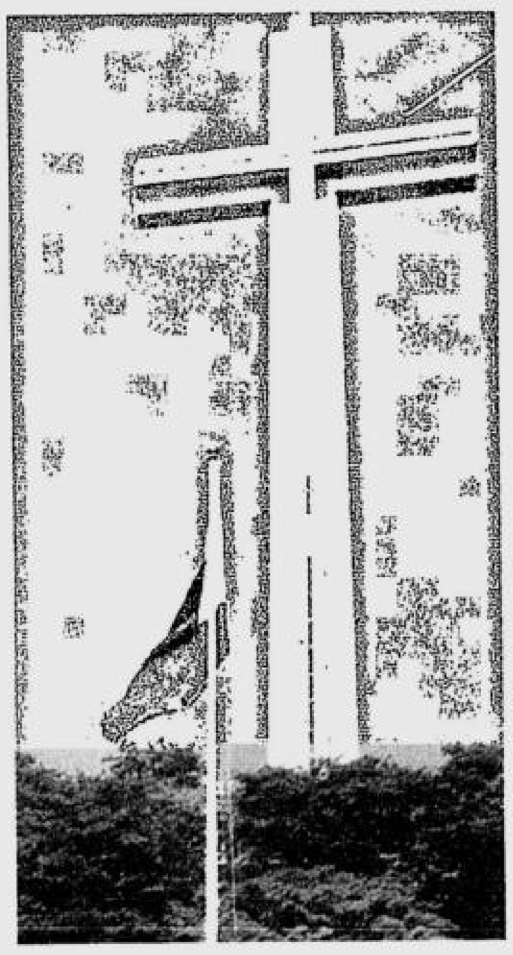
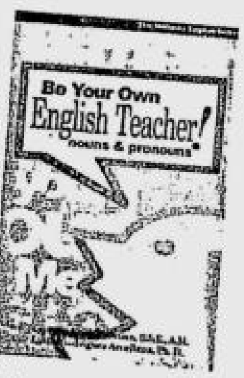
BATAAN bas-relief memorial. Below, Memorial Cross on Mt. Samat.



English grammar guide for Pinoys released

ADEQUACY in the English language has become an important skill for modern Filipinos in the face of the heightened competition for good local and international jobs brought about by globalization. Unfortunately, the quality of spoken and written English in the Philippines has rapidly deteriorated during the past decades.



To contribute to the national drive to improve English skills, Milflores Publishing Inc. has launched "The Milflores English Series"—practical, reader-friendly learning booklets that cover the entire range of topics in English grammar.

The first volume, "Be Your Own English Teacher! Nouns and Pronouns," has been released. It is written by senior UP professors, Maybelle Koch Guzman, B.S.E., A.M., and Lydia Rodriguez Arcellana, Ph.D., who, together, have 70 years of experience in teaching non-native speakers and writers of English.

The book focuses on problem areas with nouns and pronouns which most frequently bother Filipinos. It introduces these with clear and succinct explanations and a few simple rules, illustrates them with many examples drawn from ordinary life, and guides readers through a series of self-learning activities that have answer keys for measuring progress.

"Be Your Own English Teacher! Nouns and Pronouns" can be a fun do-it-yourself manual that requires only 30 minutes a day, or it can be a teaching tool in classrooms, workshops and seminars. It is available at all leading book stores nationwide at only P130 per copy.

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Watch out for Brigada Eskwela

By Butch Hernandez
Contributor

IN THE SPIRIT of the Education Revolution, the Foundation for Worldwide People Power (FWWPP) has been encouraging all to visit public schools to appreciate what their teachers and students have to contend with every day.

One way to appreciate the state of Philippine public education is "Brigada Eskwela" during the National Schools Maintenance Week on May 19-23.

Department of Education (DepEd) Sec. Edilberto de Jesus has organized the weeklong event to encourage local communities and parents to volunteer their time to do minor repairs on their children's schools in time for the opening of classes on June 9.

You can go see the principal or teacher-in-charge of the public school in your community to find out what you can do to help. She can tell you all about Brigada Eskwela.

You can also check out the Brigada Eskwela posters, which incidentally were done by INQUIRER cartoonist and education revolutionary Jess Abrera.

UNDERSECRETARY Mike Luz discusses the DepEd's 12-point agenda at the Caucus on Poverty Reduction at De La Salle University.

"IF the leaders of this country are comfortable enough to send their kids to public schools, then we have achieved our vision [of quality education]," says Marinduque Rep. Edmond Reyes.

TET Arriola, president of the Philippine Elementary School Principals Association

Education agenda

DepEd Undersecretary Mike Luz said that education is not a sprint, but a marathon, "where you start strong, run consistently and still have enough power to finish strong."

Luz said that there are no quick fixes to the problems facing public education. The 12-point agenda sets the DepEd's goals by focusing on academic improvement, resource management and professionalizing the department.

He added that the department is intensifying teacher training through the revitalized National Educators Academy, which will train principals this summer to become more efficient school managers.

Luz also said that the DepEd will direct more of its resources to Mindanao, particularly to set up pre-school and daycare centers.

Support from lawmakers

"I was already feeling depressed," said Sen. Tessie Aquino Oreta after she presented her study on public education at a forum organized by the Caucus on Poverty Reduction, an NGO attached to the Office of the President of the De La Salle University.

But after hearing Prof. Dindo Manhit, former DepEd undersecretary and now with the Task Force Education Revolution, and this writer talk on what the FWWPP had been doing to involve communities in school development, Oreta wanted to know how she could help.

Despite his tight schedule, which included a chemotherapy session, De La Salle University president Bro. Rollie Dizon arrived to lend his support.

Senator Oreta, chair of the Senate Education Committee, said her study showed 37 percent of today's teachers have had no training in the last three years; only 5 percent have a strong math background; and that the DepEd needs P20 billion more to meet the teacher shortage this year.

Marinduque Rep. Edmond Reyes, chair of the House committee on education, said that there is no budget for the hiring of new teachers for the new schoolyear. He said the DepEd needs more than 30,000 new teachers. "That's why we should join the Education Revolution, to help solve problems like this," he said.

Tet Arriola, president of the Philippine Elementary School Principals Association, said their best hope is for the communities to support public schools.

The new DepEd campaign seeks to acquaint communities with the state of public education

Community effort

We'd like to correct our write-up on Cagayan de Oro College. This school is an example of the great things that a community can do.

In 1947, delegates attending a convention of parent-teacher associations in Misamis Oriental saw that their province really needed more and better educational facilities.

The late Filomeno Bautista, chair of the convention, came up with the idea of establishing a school. The parents and teachers pooled their resources to form the Parent-Teacher College.

The purely community undertaking later changed its name to what is now the Cagayan de Oro College.

The author is the executive director of the Foundation for Worldwide People Power.

DE La Salle University Bro. Rollie Dizon still finds time to join the caucus after coming from a chemotherapy session.

DE La Salle University Prof. Victor Andres "Dindo" Manhit talks on the Education Revolution.

SEN. TESSIE Aquino Oreta presents her education-oriented legislative agenda.

In the Company of Leaders

SMART Is 2003's Best Employer

Global human resources outsourcing and consulting firm Hewitt Associates, co-sponsored together with the Management Association of the Philippines and Business World, awarded SMART Communications Inc. the accolade of Best Employer in Asia 2003-Philippines. Although the award focuses the public's attention on the company being the 'Best Employer', the ironic twist in SMART's secret of success is based on the employees taking ownership of the company itself.

The SMART Culture

In a speech given to the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP), SMART President and CEO Napoleon Nazareno talked about staying power, versatility, empowerment, belonging, ownership, and the spirit of volunteerism. Mr. Nazareno described the competition in the telecommunications business as 'not tailored for the faint-hearted.' He went on to say that, "You always have to be on your toes. There is no time to rest on your laurels because the other guys are plotting to trash you. The death blow of the competition can come from the direction least expected."

Best Employers of 2003

How did SMART win this year's award? According to Susan Manalo of Hewitt Associates said the crucial criteria included:

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Receiving the Best Employer in Asia-Philippine Awards Night are (fourth from left) SMART President and CEO Napoleon L. Nazareno and (extreme left) SMART Human Resources Management and Development Group Head Annette V. Santiago. Also in the photo are Hewitt Associates Country Manager Susan Rivera-Manalo, Hewitt Associates Market Leader for South Asia Ravi Virmani, and Vice President Teofisto Guingona and Business World Board Member Cesar Virata.

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